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THE DEBATE.

Cornell Defeats Columbia.

The first Cornell-Columbia debate took place in the Lyceum, at Ithaca, Friday evening last, before a large audience, and was won by Cornell.

The subject, "Resolved, That the ultimatum of President Kruger was justified," was discussed for Columbia, on the affirmative, by Messrs. R. C. Hull, C. H. Tuttle and C. A. Baker; and for Cornell, on the negative, by Messrs. F. H. Hausner, J. B. Nolan and L. J. Reynolds.

President Schurman, in introducing the presiding officer, Professor Francis Marion Burdick of Columbia, expressed in fitting terms the University's hearty welcome to Columbia's team.

The introductory address by Professor Burdick followed. He recalled his former connection with the Cornell Law School and mentioned his deep interest in the welfare of both universities. After reading the debate question, he announced that Columbia would undertake the affirmative and Cornell the negative, and that the first speeches would be ten minutes and the second speeches five minutes in length. He then presented in turn the speakers, whose arguments we print in full in this number.

The debate was "head on" throughout. The lines of argument of the two sides locked perfectly. But seldom has a debate been heard in which the negative so led the fighting. Almost from the first speech the English side of the question took the aggressive and the affirmative speakers were soon forced into the defensive in regard to the actions of the Boers.

As to the presentation of the speeches, it must be said that the Cornell debaters had a less finished effect than their opponents. That was the case in the Pennsylvania debaters. It must always be the case under our system, which requires a careful committing of the thought, but entirely extemporaneous expression.

The judges of the debate were, Hon. Walter Lloyd Smith, Justice of the Appellate Division, Supreme Court, 3rd Department, Elmira, N. Y., Henry St. George Tucker, Dean of the Washington and Lee University Law School of Lexington, Virginia, and Hon. Alfred Spring, Judge of the Appellate Division, Supreme Court, 4th Department, Rochester, N. Y. At its close, the judges retired for consultation, during which the Glee Club rendered several selections.

Dean Tucker then announced the decision. The judges, he said, had experienced a difficult task in deciding between two so evenly matched teams. They had made the award, however, to the negative.

Former Intercollegiate Debates.

The following is the list of intercollegiate debates in which Cornell has participated, all being held with the University of Pennsylvania:

1. Friday, April 20, 1894, in the Cornell Armory. "Resolved, That it is in the best interests of the United States to annex the Hawaiian Islands,—granted the free consent of the inhabitants of the Islands." Speakers

for Cornell, on the negative, Herbert Latham Fordham, '94, Jonathan William Sherwood, '94, William Porter Chapman, Jr., '95. Won by Pennsylvania. Judges, Hon. Elihu Root, Hon. Charles Emory Smith, and the Rev. Thomas K. Beecher.

2. Friday, March 8, 1895, in the American Academy of Music, Philadelphia. "Resolved, That the most effective means of restricting the liquor traffic is to eliminate the element of private profits." Speakers for Cornell, on the affirmative, William Patch Belden, '95, Herbert Latham Fordham, '94, William Porter Chapman, Jr., '95. Won by Pennsylvania. Judges, Hon. Nelson W. Aldrich, Judge Robert N. Wilson, Albert F. Shaw, Ph.D.

3. Friday, February 21, 1896, in the Lyceum, Ithaca. "Resolved, That the government should by federal taxation establish a National University at Washington." Speakers for Cornell on the negative, Harley Nutting Crosby, '96, Fayette Ehle Moyer, '96, James Carson Dixon, '96. Won by Cornell. Judges, Hon. Charles L. Stone, Messrs. Charles A. Brinley and John H. Cunningham.

4. Saturday, March 6, 1897, in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia. "Resolved, That the United States and the several states should establish courts of compulsory adjustment of disputes between employees and private corporations which possess franchises of a public nature." Speakers for Cornell, on the negative, Harley Nutting Crosby, '96, Joshua Roger Lewis, '97, Daniel Hamner Wells, '97. Won by Cornell. Judges, Hon. William V. Hensel, Messrs. John E. Parsons and Walter E. Carter.

5. Thursday, March 3, 1898, in the Lyceum, Ithaca. "Resolved, That immigration into the United States should be restricted to persons who can read and write the United States Constitution in some language; except that satisfactory provisions should be made for those dependent upon qualified immigrants." Speakers for Cornell, on the negative, Walter Martin Zink, '99, Clinton Thompson Horton, '98, Gail Laughlin, '98. Won by Cornell. Judges, President Elmer H. Capen, Professor Theodore S. Woolsey, Hon. Theodore Bacon.

6. Friday, February 24, 1899, in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia. "Resolved, That the best interests of the United States are opposed to the permanent control of any portion of the Eastern Hemisphere except so much as might be needed for naval stations." Speakers for Cornell, on the negative, James Bennett Nolan, '00, Walter Martin Zink, '99, Clinton Thompson Horton, '98. Won by Pennsylvania. Judges, Hon. Samuel H. Gray, Professor William A. Keever, Hon. Stanley Woodward.

The executive committee of the Board of Trustees has authorized the construction of a building by the College of Forestry on our reservation in the Adirondacks, to be used as a permanent home by the manager of the forest, and as a dwelling place by the students during their spring and summer work. It will be three stories high, 26 by 55 feet, and will cost \$5000. The contract has been let, and the building will be ready for occupancy in July.

THE CREWS.

Much Racing During the Week.

With the crews, the chief feature of the week's practice has been the series of races, over the quarter-mile on the Inlet, between the three 'Varsities and the freshmen. The freshmen were put in a shell Monday for the first time.

The series was unexpectedly won by the third 'Varsity. This crew defeated successively the second and first 'Varsities in one or more races, while the freshmen defeated the second 'Varsity but were beaten by the first. The race between the third 'Varsity and the freshmen took place Friday, and was won by the former crew by half a length.

On Saturday, however, came the important practice of the week, when the second and third 'Varsities and the freshmen had a mile race on the Lake. Directly after the start the third 'Varsity took the lead with the freshmen next. Then the latter gradually drew ahead and maintained the lead throughout the remainder of the race. With its long, slow stroke the second 'Varsity was unable to keep up with the other crews, both of which were rowing fast strokes. Just before the finish, however, the second boat raised the stroke considerably, then the boat rapidly gained on the others, passing the finish line a quarter of a length ahead of the third 'Varsity and a length behind the freshmen.

Considering the fact that it was the first time either the freshmen or the third 'Varsity crews had been in a race on the Lake, they rowed remarkably well. The first 'Varsity rowed to Crowbar, and did not race.

The orders throughout the week have been as follows: First 'Varsity, stroke, Robbins; 7, Dalzell; 6, Francis; 5, Smallwood; 4, Beardslee; 3, Petty; 2, Vanderhoef; bow, Hartley; coxswain, Magoffin. Second 'Varsity, stroke, English; 7, Toohill; 6, Powley; 5, Ayers; 4, Chase; 3, Beyer; 2, Kugler; bow, Brinckerhoef; coxswain, Long. Third 'Varsity, stroke, Flowers; 7, Taylor; 6, Smith; 5, Edmonston; 4, VanAlstyne; 3, Rhodes; 2, Burrows; bow, Nichols; coxswain, Price. Freshmen, stroke, Merrill; 7, Kuschke; 6, Benedict; 5, Hutton; 4, Frenzel; 3, Osborne; 2, Ballinger; bow, Longyear; coxswain, Smith.

The new eight oared shell, recently completed at the boat-house for Syracuse University was shipped last week to Syracuse. The old '90 shell, which the Navy management has sold to Syracuse for a practice boat, was also sent.

The work of the Christian Association has so increased during the last few years, that it has become necessary for the secretary to devote his entire time to the Association. The Board of Trustees have invited Mr. H. W. Rose, of Beloit College, Wisconsin, to visit Cornell with the view to an appointment to this position. Mr. Rose is well fitted for this work. He has been general secretary of the student Y. M. C. A. both at the University of Iowa and the University of Michigan, and is now traveling secretary of the student Y. M. C. A. of the West.

PRESIDENT SCHURMAN TO THE STUDENTS.

Ten Minute Talk in Sage Chapel on Matters of Undergraduate Interest.

The coming of spring reminds one of budding life in the natural world and it has suggested to me a few reflections on the life within our own academic community. I suppose it is correct to say that what sunshine and air are to the natural world about us, ideals are to the world within us. There are two or three ideals which seem to me of supreme importance, which, if we cherish them, may have the same renovating effect in our own community that sunshine and air have to the world about us. I don't imagine for a moment that the statement of these ideals will convey to you any new information. I should be fortunate if only I could make some new or, at any rate, some personal application of them.

I suppose that in every political community the ideal which is nearest the heart of every member is liberty. It is an ideal which lies at the base of this university community. We have freedom of courses; freedom of election within the same courses; freedom on the part of professors to say and teach what they wish; freedom on the part of the students to conduct themselves in such ways as they think desirable—subject of course to the great rules of morality and the laws of the state. It is a glorious ideal. It is one which in its various branches and applications we can cherish in a university community, and I don't believe that anyone wishes that liberty in any of the numerous branches to which it may be applied in this university should be in any measure restricted. We have unhindered liberty in all directions. But it is a commonplace that where you have liberty you must have certain correlatives to go with it. You cannot have, as Milton pointed out, genuine liberty without having at the same time respect for the liberties of others. I need not point out the connection between these two. It is axiomatic. In a university in which liberty is cherished, every student will respect the rights of every other student, and anything like interference with those rights will be regarded as an unpardonable crime. Now, any interference with the right or liberty of another student is, in academic parlance, hazing, and is in this university punished with the severest penalty—dismissal. And, again, you cannot have genuine liberty and practice it without moderation. The Greeks were a conspicuous example of liberty, but they were also the most striking illustration of moderation. Where students come together even on festive occasions these ideals should be practiced. So, too, where you have a genuine liberty, you must have honor and honesty. It is incompatible with any mode of deceiving, as for instance, cheating in examinations.

Now, my friends, I have to say that our own community has not shown itself in all respects perfect. During the past few weeks there have been individual cases in this connection which have engaged the attention of the faculty. We should be very loath to curtail liberties, yet honor, moderation, and the good name of the community must at all hazards be maintained. I have some confidence in a faculty action—I have vastly more in the sense of honor of the young men in this community. I appeal to you. I have a right to appeal to some of you, for there are men in this university whose names are known to me, whom I might expel from the university and blast their careers permanently; yet, exercising the discretion which is vested in me, I have allowed these men to stay in the University. I believe the young men will rise to the occasion. But there is always a danger to the community when the bonds of discipline are relaxed. I appeal, however, to you to justify me in the exercise of clemency.

There is a second ideal which is also important. It goes to the root of the life of the community. I mean equality. I don't believe we have much reason to complain of inequalities. There are certain inequalities of economic conditions:

some may have more means than others. Still, on the whole, I do feel that we realize pretty completely the high ideal of equality which is expressed in the statement that each shall count for one and no one for more than one. I am not, therefore going to linger over this ideal because it seems to me more fully realized in our own community life than either of the other two.

The third ideal is fraternity. This is the animating ideal of a community life like ours. I suppose we have a good deal of fraternity, of brotherhood or good fellowship in this University, yet no one realizes more than I that some conditions are adverse to the complete realization of this ideal. We are scattered about town; we meet on the Campus and do our work and then we separate. Then there are other difficulties from the very fact that some are teachers and some are students. There is a difference of age and a difference of attitude—a difference which with the best intentions parties who belong to one or the other class cannot overcome. Still I would have you remember exactly what the opportunities are for meeting the members of the faculty in a social and personal way; I would have you realize what the opportunities are at the present time.

I remember reading about a month ago a very interesting letter in one of the student publications in which the writer complained that the students regarded the professors perhaps with pride, perhaps with awe, but never with sympathy or affection. They seemed distant with no opportunities of access. I was very much struck with the communication. But it seems to me that the condition of things need not be exaggerated. Most professors have consultation hours in which they are pleased to meet their students. And, speaking for myself, it so happened that the very Tuesday after that particular publication to which I referred was issued thirty students called on me in my own house in the evening. I am always open to see students Tuesday evenings, which I give up to them. Scarcely a day passes in which I do not receive calls from students at my office also. There are regular times which I have set aside for meeting students, but if students want appointments with me at other times, I am always glad to meet them.

I think the situation is better than the writer supposed, yet I acknowledge the fact that there is not here that intimacy of fellowship between members of the faculty and the students which I should desire to see. I notice among the students themselves a certain lack of this intimacy of intercourse and friendship. There are so many here that it is impossible for everybody to be acquainted with everybody else; then we have such a variety of courses, many of them self-contained, so that students have very little opportunity of meeting students in other courses. Perhaps, too, the fact that we have fraternity houses, while they supply delightful social life to those who belong to them, does not help to promote the general spirit of fellowship throughout the University. If there are limitations in consequence of these causes, I can only ask those who have influence over them while maintaining the good of these institutions, at the same time to allow them to expand into the general life of the University.

But I don't desire to stop without suggesting a practical remedy which I am going to lay before the students. What I am going to say will not apply so much to the women students because they are fortunate in having a home here on the Campus. It has occurred to me that the time has come when we, both as members of the faculty and students of the higher classes should do something for the new students who enter the University and find themselves at first, as it seems to them strangely neglected. I read a letter from a freshman in this University last November which he wrote to his teacher in a prominent high school in this state. It was really a revelation to me; it was touching in the extreme. He was struck with the greatness of the University; the professors filled him with admiration; but he wished he were back with his high school teacher whom he loved. We must do something, it seems to me, in this community for helping such new students, and I am going to make this suggestion to the students and let them see what they think of it. If they think well of it and recommend it back to me, I will lay it before the faculty; but undoubtedly the faculty will not desire to do anything until the students have expressed their feeling.

It has occurred to me that we might have an advisory body consisting of members of the higher classes and rep-

resentatives of the faculty whose business it should be to promote friendly intercourse between the new students who come to the University and the existing members of the University—members of the faculty and members of the upper classes, and I suggest that it be taken up and considered by representatives of the various classes, let us say, by a committee consisting, first, of the president of the Senior class and four members of that class appointed by him; the president of the Junior class and three members of that class appointed by him; the president of the Sophomore class and two members of that class appointed by him, and the president of the Freshman class and one member from that class appointed by him. Let such a body come together and discuss the situation and see if in their judgment the organization which I have suggested would tend to promote fraternal relations between the new students and the older members of the university. If it does, come with a recommendation to me; if it does not, tell me what your views are.

There I lay the matter before you and leave it with you. I only want to say that the older I get and the more I have to do with the University in all its lines of work the more I feel that the thing of most vital importance is the social and personal and moral welfare of the students. And if there are defects in the plans which we use for the accomplishment of this supreme end, then, above all things else, they should be remedied. Won't you help me in remedying this evil, the object of the remedy being your own good. The University should be a family, a brotherhood, in which everybody feels at home and no one is a stranger.

CHANGES AT SAGE.

Miss Brownell Resigns—Miss Margaret Floy Washburn Appointed Warden.

Miss Brownell, Warden of Sage College, has resigned her position in order to devote herself exclusively to literary pursuits. It is not known at the present time whether Miss Brownell will accept a professorship in literature in a women's college or devote herself in private to study and writing with a view to publication; but she has definitely decided to abandon administrative duties and give herself entirely to literary work. She has been extremely successful as Warden of Sage College, and President Schurman has expressed his deepest regret that her devotion to literature has induced her to withdraw from this office.

The vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Brownell was filled yesterday by the appointment of Miss Margaret Floy Washburn as Warden of Sage College. Miss Washburn is a daughter of the Rev. Francis Washburn of Newburg, N. Y. She graduated A. B. at Vassar College in 1891, after which she was a student of psychology for a year with Professor Cattell of Columbia College, New York. In 1892 she was elected a graduate scholar in psychology at Cornell University, and in 1893 a fellow. She took the Ph. D. degree in 1894, with high honors. Her thesis on "The Influence of Visual Association on the Space Perceptions of the Skin" was such a brilliant piece of work that the eminent German psychologist Wundt had it translated into German and published in his *Philosophische Studien*. While Miss Washburn was studying at Cornell she declined a professorship in Greek which was offered to her in a reputable woman's college in order that she might complete her studies, and immediately on graduation she was appointed professor of psychology and ethics at Wells College; in which position she has continued with eminent success to the present time.

She lives in the College along with the young women and has stood in intimate and sympathetic relation with the head of the house, whose social duties she has sometimes shared. She has been extremely popular both with the young women and with the members of the faculty. During the tenure of her office at Wells Dr. Washburn has contributed a number of original and valuable articles to the *Philosophical Review*, the *Psychological Review*, and *Mind*, and she has also translated the second volume of Wundt's *Ethik*. She is one of the few woman members of the American Psychological Association. Miss Washburn will do no teaching at Cornell, but devote herself exclusively to the duties of Warden of Sage College. It is understood that she will use her leisure hours for study and investigations in psychology, in which she has already attained such honorable distinction.

Miss Macbeth, who has been Assistant at Sage Cottage, has also resigned in order to accept a very attractive and lucrative position as head of the house in a fashionable girls' school at Pittsburgh. She has been only one year at Cornell; but she has discharged the duties of her position with great efficiency and acceptance.

The office to be vacated by Miss Macbeth was formerly filled by a graduate student. No action will be taken towards filling the place until the new Warden has had an opportunity of studying the situation and reporting recommendations to the President.

Cornell in the Pennsylvania Track Carnival.

In the sixth annual relay meet held by the University of Pennsylvania on Franklin Field last Saturday, Cornell was represented in the college one mile relay class race. This event was won by Syracuse University with Cornell fourth. The hammer throw was won by Boynton of Cornell, who threw the hammer 144 ft. 7 1-2 inches, with McCracken and Hare of Pennsylvania second and third. Deming of Cornell and Baxter of Pennsylvania tied for second place in the pole vault at 10 ft. 5 inches, and James of Cornell won a place in the running high jump with a performance of 5 ft. 10 inches. The most remarkable performances of the day were the breaking of the record for the broad jump by Prinstein of Syracuse, who established a new record of 24 ft. 7 1-4 inches, and the equalling of the 100 yard dash record of 9 4-5 seconds by Duffy of Georgetown.

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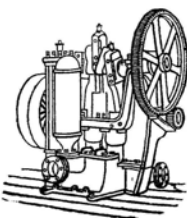
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One purpose of THE ALUMNI NEWS is to keep Cornell men informed about one another. Every Cornell man, therefore, is invited to contribute to this column news concerning himself or any other student, and every contributor should remember that in sending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

COMMENCEMENT REUNIONS.

Those Who are Looking After the Reunions for this June.

'70. S. D. Halliday.
'75. E. L. Nichols.
'80. Wm. A. Finch.
'85. Anna Botsford Comstock.
E. H. Bostwick.
Geo. D. Atkinson.
'90. A. B. Trowbridge.
Edith A. Ellis.
P. A. Fish.
'95. Wm. F. Atkinson.
Address any inquiries regarding reunions to any of the above at Ithaca. The detailed announcements calling these reunions were published in the NEWS of April 18. A copy of this number of the NEWS will be sent to any one upon application to the editor.

'72, B.S. Rev. N. L. Heroy, pastor of the Methodist church at Kyserike, N. Y., will move soon to Kerhonkson, N. Y.

'74, B. S. George B. Upham, president of the New England Cornell Club, has been elected president of the newly organized Boston Common Society, the object of which is to protect and permanently care for Boston's historic common.

Ex-'80. Henry Tyrrell, author of the "Evening Song," is with the Frank Leslie Publishing House, New York City.

'80, B.S. Mrs. Charles R. Miller (Alice Evelyn Rose), of Canton, Ohio, visited Cornell last Thursday. She was the guest of Mrs. S. H. Gage (Susanna Stuart Phelps).

'82 and '99. On the tenth of April at the home of the bride's father, occurred the marriage of Eleanor F. Carlson, '82, and Alonzo G. Trumbull, '99, of Hornellsville, N. Y. The wedding was a quiet one, with only relatives and immediate friends present. After a short trip west, Mr. and Mrs. Trumbull will be at home at Hornellsville, where Mr. Trumbull has a position with the Erie Railroad.

'86 and '91. Miss Emma Avalyn Runner '86 B.S., cataloguer in the University library, and Miss Mary Ellen Griswold, '91, B.L., assistant in the order department of the library, having successfully passed the civil service examinations, have secured positions in the Congressional Library at Washington, D. C.

'87, B.S. In *Science* of April 27, 1900, is a short review of R. T. Hill's "Notes on the Forest Conditions of Porto Rico."

'90, M.E. George Hall Ashley has an article in a recent *Collier's Weekly* on "A Tramping Trip Through the Sierras."

'90, M.E. Charles L. Heisler is engaged in engineering work at Erie, Pa., on locomotives, pumps, traction engines, etc. In this capacity, he has invented several engines and appliances, and owns several patents.

'90, M.E. W. H. Powell, electrical engineer and superintendent of the Keystone Electric Company, Erie, Pa., holds several patents for switches, circuit breakers, elevator motors, etc.

'90 B.S. in Arch. Professor A. B. Trowbridge has been invited to lecture early in May on "Greek and Roman Architecture" before the members of the Bath, N. Y., Art Club.

'90, E.E. William Henry Powell is in the general sales office of the Keystone Electric Company, Erie, Pa.

'91, E. E. Herschel Albert Benedict, who has been for several years electrical engineer to the Albany and Hudson Railway and Power Company, at Hudson, N. Y., has resigned his position and has accepted a more lucrative one with the United Traction Company of Albany, in charge of the engineering department of their extensive plant.

'91, C. E. Harrison Lockwood Stidham, of New York visited Mrs. Comstock at her home on the Campus, last week.

'91, E.E. Edwin Eugene Fisher is engaged in engineering work abroad. His present address is 3 Southwark Street, London, S. E. England. His permanent address is Care Morton B. Fisher, 5 Washington Place, New York City.

'91, Ph.B. Williard U. Taylor is in the law firm of Foley, Wray & Taylor, 71 Wall Street, New York.

'92, '95 and '97. Last week's visitors at Cornell included Martin McVoy, Jr. '92; William P. Beeber, '95; Fred White, '95, and Newell Lyon, '97, who came on fraternity business.

'93, E.E. Francis R. Erast, of the Westinghouse Electric Company, Pittsburgh, arrived in Ithaca Saturday to remain over Sunday with his father, George W. Frost. He will leave shortly on a business trip to San Francisco.

'94 and '99. Robert Blackall, '94, Special, met Fred M. Nellis, '99, Special, in Ithaca last Thursday for a few days' visit at the University.

'95, C. E. George E. Waesche is teaching in Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

'95, M. E. Robert Loudon Gordon was married to Miss Helen Ferguson, at the home of the bride's parents in New York City, on April 17. The honeymoon was spent at Atlantic City. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon will reside in Pittsburgh.

'95, LL.B. A. S. Frank is practicing law at 35 Nassau St., New York City.

'95 and '96. J. A. Switzer, '96, is now in the department of physics and chemistry of the Northern Illinois State Normal School. His wife, Cora Glidden Switzer, '95, has moved with him to DeKalb, Ill.

'95, C. E. Albert L. Colsten is connected with the Jacob Tome Institute, Port Deposit Maryland.

'95, E.E. Thomas McNeil, now manager and one of the firm of the James McNeil & Brother Iron Works in Pittsburgh, was in Ithaca last week.

'95, B.L. Herbert McKnight is in the State Library at Albany, N. Y.

'95, Grad. William H. Ledger is at present assistant engineer at the Keystone Bridge Works.

'95, LL.B. Wilber Kinzie has opened an office for the practice of law at 112 Lake Street, Elmira, N. Y.

'96, B.S. in Agr. Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Mary Wall to Hugh Troy, '96, some time during the month of May.

'96, M.E. Clement A. Copeland is acting professor in the department of electrical engineering of Stanford University.

'96, B.S. *New York Education* for April contains a sketch with portrait, of Mrs. Mary Rogers Miller, outlining her nature-study work.

'97, M.E. William H. Rose, patentee of a number of devices, such as a photographic tray, an electric battery, electrically ignited illuminating shells, a marine torch, and disinfecting drip apparatus, is now in the firm of Holmes-Rose Electric Company, and is general manager of the Marine Torch Company, of Baltimore, Md.

'97, Ph.B. William B. Chriswell is the principal of a school at Hamburg, N. Y.

'97, B.L. Since last September, Louis Siff has held a teaching fellowship in mathematics at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

'97, LL.B. The *Havana Herald*, of recent date, describes the first game of football ever played in Cuba. The contest was between an American team made up of officers of the Army and a Cuban one composed of men who had learned the game while at college in the United States. The game was held at Columbia Barracks, near Havana, on Sunday afternoon when half the populace was out to see it. Although the Cubans were beaten by 26 to 0, they became quite enthusiastic over the sport. Lieut. Beacham of the 1st U. S. Infantry, playing the same dashing style of football that made him famous at Cornell, was used in most of the plays. The other players in the American eleven were nearly all men who had played on their West Point teams.

'97, LL.B. Maurice Morrison's present address is 147 N. 16th St., East Orange, N. J.

'97, M.E. B. S. Cottrell has lately entered the employ of the Tremont & Suffolk Mills, Lowell, Mass.

'97, B.S. Jesse M. Talmadge is with the New York and Boston Dyewood Company, in Philadelphia.

'98, B. S. Miss E. E. Barnum has accepted a position in charge of the science work in the high school department of the Millbrook Memorial School at Millbrook, N. Y., and will relinquish her work at Middletown at the end of the present year.

'98, E.E. *The Engineering Record*, of New York, has on its staff William W. Macon.

'98, Ph.D. George Alfred Cogswell is conducting evening classes in the Second Avenue branch of the Y. M. C. A. of New York City.

'98, Ph. B. In the Girls' High School of Philadelphia, Miss Helen G. Preston is teacher of Latin.

'99, M. E. A. G. Rakestraw is in the firm of Rakestraw & Thomas, practical electricians, East Pittsburgh, Pa.

'99, A. B. Charles V. P. Young, who is now studying at the Princeton Theological Seminary, and who has been playing for the Princeton baseball team in some of its games, intends to visit Cornell at the time of the Princeton-Cornell baseball game, May 19.

'99, B.S. J. Emery Ward, for some time confined to the Ithaca City Hospital, is convalescent.

'99, Ph. D. Albert Lefevre has been spending a few days in Ithaca. He is just back from his studies in Germany and enroute to his home in Baltimore.

'99, M.E. Stewart McDonald is a fire insurance inspector for the Insurance Survey Bureau, Chicago.

'99, LL.B. Burton H. Brownell has been appointed managing clerk of the law office of Pooley, Depew and Spratt, Buffalo counsel for the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad.

'99, M.E. Willard Ransom is the keeper of a general merchandise store at Ransomville, Kansas.

'99. Miss Alice G. Brickelmaier is continuing her studies at Columbia University.

'99, C.E. Wager Fisher is stationed at Boonton, N. J., in the employ of the Jersey City Water Supply Company, who are building works at that place to supply Jersey City with water.

'99, M.E. Samuel B. Whinery is with the Westinghouse Machine Company, South Side, Pittsburgh.

'99, M.E. John Walter Prince is connected with the Glens Falls, (N. Y.) Portland Cement Company.

Ex-'00. I. B. Clark is with the Macon Street Railway Company, Macon, Ga.

Ex-'01. George W. Wyckoff has been appointed city clerk of Elmira, N. Y., by the recently elected mayor of that city.

Ex-'02. There is uncertainty in regard to what has become of Ramon Alvira. Last October he left the University to return to his home in the mountains of the United States of Colombia, where his father is a large grower of coffee, cotton, and other products. He was heard from at Jamaica where he was to take a steamer for a trip of 200 miles up the Magdalena river, after which he was obliged to ride some 200 miles on horseback before reaching his home. He was to have written to his friends in this city as soon as he reached home but nothing has been heard from him, and it is feared that he was one of the unfortunate ones who were burned in one of the two steamers that met a fate by fire on the river. In reply to a request for information, Camacho Roldán & Van Sickle, 95 Broad Street, New York, say, "The only news that we have about Mr. Alvira is that he was going up the Magdalena river in a boat which was attacked by the revolutionary forces, and that he was compelled to land at a place about half the distance from Honda and thence returned to Barranquilla. Here he was, up to the last news, awaiting a new opportunity for leaving for Honda. We do not know, or have news that he was drowned and hope he has reached home safely in company with Mr. Dussán, who expected to meet him at Barranquilla."

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THE DEBATE.

The debate was a good one, and we congratulate ourselves upon winning from a worthy competitor. Both sides were skillfully presented and the rather unusual fact is worth noting that the arguments of the two teams met "head on." They were both on the same track, bound in opposite directions. Well, we established our claim to the right of way, and if some of our sections were a little smashed up, that is usual in "head on" collisions.

The Cornell team deserve the congratulations they are receiving. They had the ground thoroughly covered, and gave a very pretty exhibition of extemporaneous work. We wish long life to the new debating alliance, which has at least started with a good contest.

A SERIOUS MATTER.

In his talk to the students last Wednesday, President Schurman touched upon what is undoubtedly the weakest point in our University system. The social machinery of the University is feeble and inadequate. Recent classes have done something to remedy this by "smokers" and the like, but they have excluded freshmen from these functions because of a lack of room, as it is stated.

Now this is the vulnerable point, the Achilles' heel of the whole matter. It is too well known to need saying that more students go on the rocks in their first year than all the others put together. Freshmen come from organizations and surroundings totally unlike those they find here. The method of teaching even is a surprise to them and difficult to many at first. Moreover, those who have established records and made hosts of friends elsewhere find themselves often total strangers to all at Cornell, and, if reserved, they not uncommonly remain

in much the same condition till after graduation, if, as is too often the case, they do not grow discouraged and drop out.

It is in the first year of the college course above all others that students need advice and the friendship of older men, fellow students and teachers both. Yet as is pointed out, they are not only left to take their chances, but even excluded from gatherings intended to promote fraternity and "college spirit." Something should be done to remedy this, and we await with interest the action to be taken by the students on the President's suggestion. After all, the social organization of the University is in the hands of the students, and if they choose, they can make it effective.

PRESIDENTS LOW AND
SCHURMAN.Views of the Heads of the Two
Universities on the Inter-
collegiate Debate.COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY,
In the City of New York.

PRESIDENT'S ROOM,

April 19, 1900.

To the Editors of the Cornell Alumni
News:—

I have learned with pleasure of the intercollegiate debates that have been arranged for between Cornell and Columbia. It is certainly desirable that some of the contests between universities should be of an intellectual character, and intercollegiate debating has much to say for itself as giving an impulse to a more thorough practice of debate in the universities where it is practiced. I am especially glad of everything that tends to draw Cornell and Columbia more closely together. Only the State of New York is able to maintain within its borders two such universities. The characteristics and the services of each are largely determined by their situation. Cornell, situated in the country, renders a sort of service which Columbia, situated in the metropolis, cannot render, and reaches a body of students that Columbia cannot reach. Columbia, on the other hand, in the great city, has a ministry and an opportunity equally characteristic. As the country and the city are mutually dependent upon each other for prosperity and advancement, so between Cornell and Columbia there ought to be, and I like to think there is, the friendliest feeling, and only such wholesome rivalry as leads each one to do its work the better in the contemplation of the efforts and achievements of the other. I am glad to send you by these lines a message of greeting from Columbia and Cornell.

Yours, very truly,
SETH LOW.CORNELL UNIVERSITY,
Office of the President.

ITHACA, N. Y.,

April 26, 1900.

To the Editors of the Alumni News:

I heartily welcome the debating alliance with Columbia. I have always felt the peculiar importance of training in debate in the universities of a country in which, under the right of free speech, public opinion is constantly formed and guided by its means. The men educated in these universities are the ones best fitted

by education and knowledge to grapple with and solve the problems, political, social and economic, of the nation, and it is desirable in the extreme that they should also be trained to a proficiency in public speech sufficient to enable them to give the public the full benefit of their historical, philosophical, and economic knowledge. False prophets always abound, and it is the duty of the universities to put speech in the mouth of the wise.

In this work of training debaters we welcome the friendly rivalry of Columbia, trusting that between us we may maintain the oratorical training of this State on a par with that for which the West is becoming famous. An agreement to debate in successive years, such as has been made, is certain to build up that feeling of interest, and eagerness to maintain or retrieve a record upon which such contests so largely depend. In this spirit we bid the Columbia debaters welcome to the first test of strength.

Very truly yours,

J. G. SCHURMAN.

The '86 Stage.

As the result of the fourth preliminary competition held last Thursday, the following sophomores and juniors have been chosen to compete for the '86 Memorial Prize in Declamation:

ALBERT BALL, 1901, Arts, Forestville.

GEORGE DAVID CROFTS, 1901, Arts, Buffalo.

FREDERICK RICHARD EATON, 1902, Arts, Pompey.

RALPH SHERLOCK KENT, 1902, Arts, Franklinville.

CARROL ARTHUR MIDER, 1901, Arts, Lowville.

WILLIAM HARPER MORRISON, Jr., 1901, Arts, Indianapolis, Ind.

GEORGE ASHTON OLDHAM, 1902, Arts, Cleveland, O.

JAMES O'MALLEY, 1901, Arts, Buffalo.

MILTON MILLER UNDERDOWN, 1901, Agriculture, Taughannock Falls.

RALPH HUGHES WHITEBECK, 1902, Arts, Hermitage.

GEORGE PAYNE WINTERS, 1902, Arts, Melbourne, Fla.

MANTON MARBLE WYVELL, 1901, Arts, Alma.

Lectures on Music.

A series of four musical lectures is being delivered during April and May in the Barnes Hall Auditorium, by Mrs. Emerson, wife of Professor Alfred Emerson, formerly of Cornell. The dates and subjects are as follows:

April 23, Egyptian and Greek Music.

April 30, Music from the Christian Era to 1100 A.D.

May 7, Polyphony, 1100-1750.

May 25, Comparison of the Suite and the Sonata.

The first of the series was delivered last week before an appreciative and fairly large audience. Mrs. Emerson's remarks were illustrated by an ancient Greek hymn to Apollo and two modern Greek songs, rendered by Professor A. B. Trowbridge, '90.

Forty-four of the Sibley students have already applied for positions for summer shop work during the coming vacation. This number includes many who are intending to elect work in the Railway School and is particularly intended for such. There are also a number of students in the Marine Engineering School who intend to work during the summer in some of the larger ship yards.

Dr. Elizabeth B. Thelberg, resident physician of Vassar College, gave three lectures on Personal Hygiene, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week, before the women students of the University.

President Wheeler's series of articles on the life of Alexander the Great which appeared last year in the *Century Magazine*, have just been published in book form as a number of the Heroes of the Nation's series.

Professor G. D. Harris has just had constructed at Syracuse a new launch, the "Orthoceras," for use in his geological field work. The launch is of the torpedo boat type, dimensions 5 by 30 feet, and carries a 6 horse-power engine.

Dr. Wagner, superintendent of the Binghamton State Hospital, lectured before the University Monday afternoon on "The Manifestations of Insanity and the Significance of Delusions and Hallucinations." The lecture was the second of the special course on mental diseases.

The trustees of Lehigh University will rebuild at once the physical and laboratory recently burned.

Yale has recently taken a decided step toward a more liberal policy by making the work of the sophomore academic students in large measure elective.

Mr. Joseph Warren Cross, '28, is now Harvard's oldest living graduate. Mr. Samuel W. Chandler, '22, who held that honor for more than four years, died recently in Philadelphia.

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THE DEBATE TEAMS.

Statistics of the Columbia and Cornell Debaters.

CORNELL TEAM.

Frank Howard Hausner, of Farmington, N. Y., is perhaps the most experienced speaker upon the Cornell team. During his preparatory course at Starkey Institute, he was actively connected with the literary society there and continued his interest during the three years that he taught there after graduation. After being connected for several years with the Union School at Dundee, N. Y., as principal, and also for a time with the Canandaigua High School, Hausner entered the class of 1900 of the College of Law at Cornell. It was in Congress that he began his career in University debate, and his lively interest in that organization secured for him the position of speaker for one term. Last fall he won the Congress debate prize. Hausner spoke upon the '86 Memorial stage last year, and was alternate on the debate team which met Pennsylvania. This year he succeeded in winning the '94 Memorial Prize in Debate and will appear in the Woodford contest. For two years past, Hausner has been a member of the Debate Council and is now president of the Debate Union. He also holds the position of student-assistant in debate in the Department of Oratory.

The first active work in debating undertaken by Leonard Jesse Reynolds, the second member of the team, was done in connection with the Francis Baconian Society, of the State Normal School at Potsdam, N. Y., his native place. The experience gained there induced him after his departure to organize a debating society in the school where he was then teaching at Heuvelton. Upon his entrance into the arts course at Cornell with the class of 1901, Reynolds was influential in founding the Andrew D. White Debate Club, of which he has since been a hard working member, at one time holding the office of president. This year, he was one of the contestants upon the '94 Memorial Stage. He is vice-president of the Debate Union and member of the Debate Council.

James Bennett Nolan, from Reading, Pa., entered the University in the fall of '96 with the class of 1900. He is the only member of the team who has previously represented Cornell on the intercollegiate debate stage, being a member of last year's University team. Early in his course Nolan showed signs of remarkable debating ability. He was a member of the 1900 Class team in freshman year, which won the underclass championship. In his junior year he won the '94 Memorial Prize contest in debate, which gave him his position on the intercollegiate team, and was also a speaker in the '86 Memorial Prize declamation contest. He is a member of Theta Delta Chi and Sphinx Head and has been chosen Memorial Orator of his class for Class Day.

The position of alternate upon the intercollegiate team is held by William Miller McCrea, of the 1900 Law class, who comes from Salt Lake City, Utah. While in the High School of that city, McCrea became deeply interested in debating, uniting himself with both the school club and an outside organization. Since coming to Cornell, he has not allowed his interest to flag, being at one time a member of Congress, and speaking

this year as a candidate for the '94 Memorial prize. McCrea is a member of Delta Chi fraternity and is the Law School representative on the Senior class book committee.

COLUMBIA TEAM.

Charles Adkins Baker was born in 1878 in Easthampton, Mass., but has spent the last eighteen years in New York City. He received his early education at various private schools, and entered college from the Horace Mann School, where he was president of the debating society. At Columbia he became a member of the Philolexian Society of which he was president in his sophomore year. He has represented this organization in three annual inter-society debates and in two debates against outside societies, besides winning second prize in the Philolexian Oratorical Contest in 1898. In 1899 he was alternate on the Columbia team which debated against Chicago University. He took his degree in June of '99, graduating with honors and receiving an election to Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Baker was also on the '99 *Columbia* board, and was editor of the *Columbia Literary Monthly*, 1896-99. He is now studying in the Columbia Law School, class of 1902. He is a member of Delta Upsilon.

Charles Henry Tuttle is a New York man, twenty-one years of age, who entered Columbia from Trinity School. Like Mr. Baker a member of the Philolexian Society, he took part in its annual debate against the Barnard Society in 1896, in 1899 took second prize in the Philolexian Oratorical Contest. He also, in '97, '98, '99, won the Philolexian Prize-Essay. Mr. Tuttle graduated with the class of '99 and is now in the Columbia Law School.

Robert C. Hull is also a New Yorker. Educated at the Brooklyn public schools, he prepared for college in the Polytechnic Institute, and won the Brooklyn Scholarship upon entering Columbia. Mr. Hull became a member of the Barnard Literary Association, which he has represented in four of its annual debates against the Philolexian Society, and of which he is now vice-President. Mr. Hull, who is twenty years old, is member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and an active Y. M. C. A. member. He expects, upon leaving college, to enter the Rochester Theological Seminary.

Inter-Club Debate Championship.

The series of debates for the University championship, the first such series to be completed since the one of 1896-'97, was brought to a successful close Friday evening, April 20, when teams from Cornell Congress and the Stewart L. Woodford Club met in debate in Boardman Hall, the former winning. The audience was large, considering the many events of the evening, and enthusiastic; the debate was interesting and well-contested. In every way except the inevitable disappointment of the losing club it was a most satisfactory conclusion to a notable series of debates.

The subject under discussion was the adoption of a bill for Puerto Rican tariff, which provided that fifteen per cent of the regular duties on merchandise entering the United States from foreign countries should be levied temporarily on goods coming from Puerto Rico, and on goods entering the island from the United States, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of Puerto Rico. The representatives of Congress, who supported the bill, were F. E. Whiteman, '00, E. S.

Mosher, '00, and F. L. Carlisle, '03; those of the 1902 organization, who opposed it, were R. H. Whitbeck, R. S. Kent, and R. S. Stowell. The judges were the Hon. Bradford Almy, County Judge and Surrogate of Tompkins County, Attorney George B. Davis, and Mr. L. E. Patterson. D. E. Smith, '01, was the presiding officer.

The main contention of the supporters of the bill were that Puerto Rico needs the money, that the proposed measure is feasible and constitutional, and that there is no other reasonable method of helping the island. The opposing side argued that the constitutionality of the measure is doubtful, that the tariff would raise prices in Puerto Rico and thus retard its industrial development, and that the adoption of the measure would be a violation of the pledges of our government to the Puerto Ricans. Shortly after the conclusion of the debate, Judge Almy announced the unanimous decision of the judges in favor of the supporters of the bill.

The banner which Congress thus won was first put up by the various debate clubs for competition in the year 1896-97 and was won in the spring of 1897 by Congress, its team being led by Gail Laughlin, '98. In the two succeeding years the winners of the interclass series were obliged to default to Congress on account of lack of time and now that the final debate is once more held, Congress is again the winner. Thus that organization has the distinction of having been the champion debating society of the University during the four years of the existence of that title.

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BASEBALL.

Cornell Defeats and is Defeated by Syracuse.

The 'Varsity held last week two baseball games with Saracuse.

On Wednesday, at Ithaca, Cornell won by a score of 7 to 2. Lyon pitched for Cornell, striking out five men and giving no bases on balls. The team work of Cornell was good as shown by the three double plays during the game.

Cornell scored in the third inning on a hit by Bole. In the fourth, Costello forced in a run for Cornell and in the sixth, through two errors and hits by Whinery and Bole, Cornell scored another run. In the seventh inning, base hits by Brown, Sanders and Costello and a three base hit by Patterson netted two more runs for Cornell. Hits by Bole and Brown, an error and base on balls gave Cornell two more runs in the eighth inning. Neither team scored in the ninth.

Summary:

CORNELL	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Newton l.f.	0	0	3	0	0
Bole c.f.	1	2	2	0	1
Robertson l.b.	0	1	13	3	0
Brown s.s.	2	3	3	2	0
Lyon p.	2	2	0	4	0
Patterson 2 b.	2	3	1	2	1
Sanders r.f.	0	1	2	0	0
Costello 3 b.	0	1	2	2	2
Whinery c.	0	1	1	7	0

Totals

SYRACUSE	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Adams l. b.	1	1	10	1	1
Manly 2 b.	0	2	2	2	1
Dillon c.	0	1	3	9	0
Costello p.	0	0	6	0	0
Henderson r.f.	0	1	1	0	0
Mosher s.s.	0	0	1	2	2
House 3 b.	0	0	0	1	0
Sarsfield l.f.	1	2	3	0	0
Cummings c.f.	0	0	1	0	0

Totals

CORNELL	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
SYRACUSE	0	0	1	0	1
CORNELL	0	0	2	0	0

Summary—Two base hits, Patterson: three base hits, Patterson, Robertson and Henderson; first base on errors, Cornell, 3, Syracuse 3; first base on balls, off Costello 4, off Lyon 0; struck out, by Costello 6, by Lyon 5; passed balls, Whinery, Dillow 3; stolen bases, Syracuse 3; left on base, Cornell 12 and Syracuse 3; umpire, Hoagland of Auburn.

In Saturday's game, at Syracuse, Cornell was defeated 6-1. Syracuse won by fine hitting. In fielding Cornell did the better work but was unable to overcome the batting of the Syracuse team. Cornell's only run

was made in the ninth inning. Robertson made first on a fumble, advanced to second while Brown was thrown out at first, went to third on a passed ball and then came in on a two base hit by Lyon.

Summary:

SYRACUSE	AB	R	IB	PO	A	E
Adams, l. b.	5	2	3	12	0	1
Manley, 2 b.	5	0	1	3	2	1
Dillon, c.	4	1	1	7	2	0
Costello, p.	5	1	1	0	2	2
Henderson, c.f.	3	0	1	2	0	0
Sarsfield, l.f.	4	1	2	2	0	0
Dissel, r.f.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Mosher, s.s.	4	1	1	0	0	2
House, 3 b.	1	0	0	0	2	0

Totals

CORNELL	AB	R	IB	PO	A	E
Newton, l.f.	4	0	1	4	1	0
Bole, c.f.	4	0	1	1	0	0
Robertson, l. b.	4	1	0	13	0	1
Brown, s.s.	4	0	1	0	3	2
Lyon, r.f.	4	0	1	1	0	0
Patterson, 2 b.	4	0	0	1	1	0
Sanders, p.	4	0	0	2	4	0
Costello, 3 b.	4	0	0	1	2	1
Whinery, c.	3	0	0	4	1	0

Totals

SYRACUSE	AB	R	IB	PO	A	E
CORNELL	0	0	0	0	0	0

Summary—Stolen bases, Brown 2; 2 base hits, Adams, Bole, Lyon; home runs, Costello, Sarsfield; first base on balls, off Sanders 2; struck out, by Costello 6, by Sanders 3; passed balls, Dillon 1; left on bases, Syracuse 5, Cornell 6; time of game, 2 hours and 20 minutes; umpire, Mr. Sutton.

Spring football practice at Harvard has begun in earnest. It has gone beyond mere punting practice and includes scrub games as in the fall practice.

On Thursday evening, March 29, the Cercle Français of the University of Pennsylvania, composed entirely of students, gave a successful production of Moliere's "Le Medecin Malgre Lui."

The Harvard Athletic Association has decided to issue membership tickets, the price of which is \$5.00, entitling the holder to the following: Membership in either the Weld or Newell boat club; admission to all football games at Cambridge, including those with Yale and Pennsylvania; admission to all baseball games in Cambridge, including those with Yale, Princeton and Pennsylvania; admission to all track games in Cambridge, including that with Yale; and preference in the choice of seats on the observation train for the Harvard-Yale race at New London.

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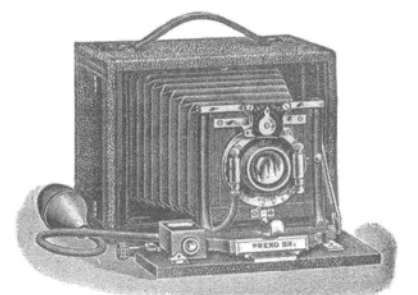
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