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## THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AT CORNELL.

### The Relation of Cornell to the Schools of the State.

The main function of the proposed department of education, or Teachers' College, at Cornell is to crown the academic work of the University with a broad and thorough professional training for teaching. This training falls naturally into five main divisions as follows:

1. The philosophy, or general theory of education, which finds its academic foundation in philosophy, ethics, economics and sociology.

2. The psychology of education, including the scientific study of the mental development of the individual, which is based upon psychology and physiology.

3. The history of education, which has for its background the general history of civilization.

4. Educational administration, both external and internal, foreign and domestic. This course, so far as it pertains to external organization of school systems is a special problem in political administration, hence rests upon political science; so far as it pertains to internal administration, this course is a special application of the philosophy, psychology, and physiology of education.

5. The department of educational practice. This department is the point of application for the foregoing theoretical aspects of education. It is to be conducted chiefly by seminary discussion of actual work observed or performed by the members of the seminary.

The first thing to be remarked about the foregoing outline is that it makes full use of the main academic departments of the University without duplicating any of them; in other words, the educational training is confined to professional work. In this way the best economy and the highest efficiency are combined.

In the next place it may be seen that the design is the preparation of experts in the various departments of educational work, not the hasty training of a host to flood the schools. The fear expressed by some of the smaller colleges that this department, if established, would result in a wholesale Cornell propaganda is not well founded. In the first place, experts are too few in number to effect such an end; nor would they attempt it, even were it in their power; for Cornell is in no need of such missionary zeal. The only way in which she can greatly increase her numbers lies through largely increased donations for teaching force and facilities. Besides this, it appears for the moment to be forgotten, that professional training based on long academic study, liberalizes the mind, so that the partisanship that springs from narrow education or denominational zeal no longer dominates. A Cornell graduate is able to recognize merit wherever it manifests itself, whether in an individual or an institution.

Cornell's purpose in asking the State to establish this department is not self-glorification, but public service. The institutions that fear such an establishment quite mistake both

its motive and its effect. The motive is, as just stated, public service, such as the protesting colleges are not rendering, possibly can not render, and certainly will not render, unless the present agitation shall make it appear to their supporters as worth doing. The effect will be to dignify and improve the teaching force of the State, to which is entrusted the most important service of modern society. As a whole the present teaching body is ill-prepared and worse paid. Its tenure of office is so uncertain that probably not two-thirds of the high school principals are now serving in the places they held last year. It is only the missionary zeal incident to primitive conditions or to the first establishment of reform institutions that can take the ablest men and women into the educational field; as matters now stand, the honor is too slight, the position too uncertain, the salary too meager, to attract the best minds. But New York is no longer in a primitive condition, nor is the school an experiment to excite the missionary zeal of the reformer.

In no possible department of public service does the State get so large a return as from a consecrated, well-paid, permanent body of teachers. The physician may do his best to mend the broken health; the lawyer to right the broken law; the minister to soothe the broken heart or adjust anew the erratic life; but the teacher deals with the normal, healthful, unfolding of the mind. His work is positive, where theirs is negative. He helps to develop life, where the doctor, the lawyer, the preacher attempt to cure it when its laws have been broken. Any reasonable establishment which tends to improve our teaching body, to give it more stability, to increase its effectiveness and to attract to its ranks the best minds, renders a public service that benefits, not forsooth Cornell alone, but the whole people; it benefits, moreover, every educational institution in the State, since it helps to enhance the opportunity open to its graduates.

Finally, as to the special claim that Cornell has for asking the state to establish this department, but little need be said. In the first place she is the best equipped of any institution in the state for giving the needful academic backing for this high-grade professional work; she has a student body large enough to make these professional courses effective; and, specifically, she is called upon to render to the state a corresponding gratuity, in the additional free scholarships created under the new Constitution by the redefining of the state.

Should, therefore, the state establish the proposed department at Cornell the other colleges should rejoice that work will be done which they can not now do; they should be pleased with every advance of educational welfare in the state; they should smile with gladness, not frown in dismay, at every promised advance toward higher standards of teaching; and last, but not least, they should realize that their own future welfare depends upon the service they can render, not upon the progress they can block.

## "ON THE BRIDGE WITH DEWEY."

### Unusually Interesting Lecture by Oscar F. Williams, '69.

A large audience gathered in the Library Lecture Room last Friday night to hear Oscar F. Williams, '69, former consul at Manila, lecture on the battle of Manila and the events which preceded and followed it.

President Crane, in introducing the speaker, mentioned the prominent part taken by Cornell alumni in the recent war, and told of the distinguished men who were members of Cornell's first class, of whom Consul Williams was one.

Mr. Williams began his remarks with the statement that when he accepted the post at Manila, the Secretary of State barely hinted that conditions might arise which would make the position arduous and important, yet that by the time of his arrival at Hong Kong, the war cloud was already on the horizon. On landing at Manila he waived the formalities of his office, to avoid becoming known, and at once began the self-imposed task of collecting all possible information on the location and condition of the Spanish arsenals, forts, and batteries. The Spanish officials, however, soon learned his identity, and from that time the work was carried on through detectives. When Admiral Dewey later sent for information of this sort, facts which proved of incalculable value to him were immediately available.

All this time the Spanish and Filipinos were waging war. The lecturer described briefly some of the atrocities of Spain at this period. In the meanwhile the international situation was growing constantly more tense. Several times the officials at Washington advised Mr. Williams and his party to withdraw, and the Spanish governor-general added his word to the same effect. Finally the order to retire came from Washington, and on April 23, 1898, the consular party for Hong Kong. Arriving there on the 26th, they found that the laws of neutrality had obliged Admiral Dewey to leave the port. The next day, however, saw the consul on board the Olympia, with the latest information regarding the situation at Manila, and preparations were at once made for the attack.

On board the fleet every one was eager to get into action. Guns were loaded, ammunition placed in readiness, furniture and other inflammable matter thrown overboard, and, on the night of April 30, with all lights extinguished except the hooded stern lights, the ships in line steamed into the harbor. As they turned to make the selected anchorage, these lights revealed the presence of the fleet to a battery on shore which at once opened fire. This was soon silenced and for the remainder of the night all was quiet.

Early the next morning all the Spanish batteries opened fire. The American fleet advanced to a range of 2500 yards and returned the fire. Two hours and a half of steady cannonading ensued, after which the ships retired. Breakfast and a consultation followed, and then an hour

and a half more of the duel. The Spaniards exhibited great bravery throughout the fight, despite the heavy fire to which they were subjected, but were outclassed by the equal bravery and greater skill of the Americans. At the close of the contest, six Spanish cruisers, three gunboats, one armed transport, and a number of forts and batteries had been destroyed or disabled by six American warships. Six men on the American side were slightly injured by splinters, and with this exception, not a man, gun or ship of the American fleet was disabled.

Consul Williams characterized the battle as the only finish fight of modern warships, and as a glorious example of successful command and successful service.

### Elmira Dinner.

The members of Cornell Alumni Association of the southern tier held their fifth annual banquet at the Hotel Rathbun on the night of February 15, at which time the officers of the Association for the ensuing year were elected. The annual gatherings of the Association have always been pleasant, and this last one was no exception to the rule.

The banquet was served in the main dining room and the table was decorated with red and white roses and carnations and candleabra, with sprays of asparagus and cut flowers strewn about. The effect was very pretty. While the guests were at dinner Steinhauser's orchestra played sweet music, adding greatly to the enjoyment of the function. David N. Heller, '88, was toastmaster, and the following toasts were given:

"Our Guests," . . . James McCann, '85  
"The Old and the New," . . . D. F. VanVleet, '77  
"Cornellians in Law," . . . Professor C. W. Pound, '87  
"Special Courses," . . . Justice W. L. Smith  
"The Ladies," . . . E. L. Dolson, '88  
"The Cornell Association of the Southern Tier," . . . D. M. Darrin, '72

Among the members present were the following: John Bull, Jr., '85, Elmira; F. A. Bell, '92, Waverly; D. M. Darrin, '72, Addison; F. H. Farr, '97, Elmira; F. Storrs Hansel, '96, Owego; E. M. Richardson, '97, Boston, Mass.; D. N. Heller, '88, Elmira; J. J. Hassett, '94, Elmira; H. N. Hoffman, '83, Elmira; T. M. Losie, Jr., '98, Elmira; B. F. Levy, '95, Elmira; R. M. Lovell, '93, Elmira; J. T. McCollom, '72, Troy, Pa.; George McCann, '86, Elmira; James McCall, '85, Bath; J. G. McDowell, '90, Elmira; C. B. Swartwood, '92, Cayuta; M. L. Sullivan, '98, Elmira; W. Van Duzer, Ex-'81, Horseheads; D. F. Van Vleet, '77, Ithaca; Professor C. W. Wasson, '74, Elmira; Professor H. J. Walter, '92, Waverly; Edward Dolson, Ex-'88, Hornellsville; Charles Clark Ex-'76; J. A. Parsons, '90, Hornellsville; M. S. Purdy, '82, Corning; Mr. Stanton, Cohocton.

### Banquet of the Seattle Alumni.

The annual banquet of the Seattle, (Washington), Alumni was held at the Rainer-Grand, Seattle, on the evening of February 15. The toastmaster was Frank J. Barnard, '74. The list of toasts was as follows:

"Cornell in the Northwest,"

John A. Rea, '69

"College Politics as a Political Training" G. Meade Emory, '90  
 "The Seattle Cornell Club," Charles H. Baker, '86  
 "The Cornell Navy," Mark M. Odell, '97  
 "Our Relations to our Alma Mater," Archibald S. Downey, '96

The attendance was excellent and the manifestations of good Cornell spirit, as shown both in the speeches and the songs, were many. The present officers of the club are: Frank J. Barnard, Ex-'74, president; Mark M. Odell, '97, secretary; George B. Kittinger, Ex-'85, treasurer.

#### Buffalo Alumni Dinner.

The Cornell Alumni Association of Buffalo held its eighteenth annual banquet at the Buffalo Club house Tuesday, Feb. 20. Over forty members of the association were present and one of the most interesting evenings in the history of the organization was passed. There were no set speeches, but George K. Birge, the retiring president of the association, who presided over the festivities, made a farewell address, and Eugene Carey, '78, of Niagara Falls, made a few remarks eulogistic of George Washington. College songs and a cakewalk followed the banquet. The following named officers were elected:

President, Seward A. Simons, '79; vice presidents, Frank H. Callan, '90, John A. Hamilton, '92, and William C. Krauss, '84; secretary and treasurer, Louis Wright Simpson, '96; athletic counselor, Daniel Upton, '90.

#### Chicago Alumni Dinner.

The annual dinner of the Cornell alumni of Chicago took place at the Wellington Hotel, Friday evening, February 23. A goodly number of alumni gathered around the tables and a most enjoyable time was spent in song and reminiscence.

It was practically decided at the banquet to establish a Chicago Cornell Club, patterned after the Cornell Club of New York and a committee was appointed to take action on the matter. The following the new officers for the ensuing year were elected: J. H. Pierce, '74, president; V. F. Mashek, '89, vice-president; C. L. Brown, '94, secretary and treasurer; C. H. Wells, '90, A. W. Bulkley, '75, R. H. Wiles, '74, directors. The program of speeches of the evening was as follows:—

"President's Address," C. H. Wells, '90  
 "Toastmaster," J. H. Pierce, '74  
 "The University," President Jacob Gould Schurman, LL.D.  
 "Cornell of Old," A. W. Bulkley, '73  
 "Our Political Duties," R. H. Wiles, '74  
 "We'll Honor Thine Cornell!" E. U. Henry, '95  
 "Happy Days," M. F. Mashek, '89

177 candidates have reported for the baseball team at Harvard.

Among University lectures still to be delivered this term in the two special courses offered by the department of political science is a lecture on the "Importation and Exportation of Gold" by Trustee A. R. Ickelheimer, '88, of New York City, and lectures by the Lieutenant Governor and the Attorney General of New York State, on the work of their respective departments.

The University of Pennsylvania has accepted Cornell's challenge for a chess match, to take place in Philadelphia during the Easter vacation. It is agreed that each university shall be represented by six players. No further arrangements have as yet been completed, but it is probable that each member of the team will play two games with the player of the same rank on the other team, making twelve games in all.

### BASEBALL WORK.

#### First Cut Among the Candidates.

On account of limited space for practice it has been necessary to cut down the number of baseball candidates in order to give those, at the present time the most promising, all the coaching possible.

The following men are reporting for practice on the days named below: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Howland, Griffith, Rockwood, Ristine, Lee, Rowe, Warner, Newton, Young, Robertson.

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: Blount, Chase, Brizse, Ferguson, Costello, Brown, J. R. Patterson, K. E. White, Winters, Sanders.

Battery candidates, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: Pitchers, Lyon, Cohen, Whitman, Stevens, Chase, Fernow, Alexander; catchers, McKoon, Whinery, Bryant, Rilling.

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: Pitchers, Bushong, Brower, Brooks, King, H. S. White, Wagner, Dougherty, Reed.

All the candidates will be again used as soon as the weather permits out of door practice. During the past year a new diamond has been put in shape at Percy Field and it will be possible to practice four teams at one time, which will allow all a fair chance.

#### Intercollegiate Athletic Association Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association was held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel Saturday afternoon, and the affairs of the organization were disposed of in a sportsmanlike and at the same time businesslike way.

The meeting was called to order at 2 P. M., with Keith Donaldson, of Princeton, in the chair. After such routine work as the reading and accepting of the minutes the different officers made their reports, which were of the encouraging sort, especially the one presented by Oliver Shiras, Cornell, the manager of the annual meet. Mr. Shiras showed that the receipts for the games last year, which were held at Manhattan Field, were \$2,257.91, and the expenses \$779.26, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,478.65. Trinity announced its withdrawal from the Association.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Friday night, it was decided to recommend to the Association the reinstatement of Brown University and the University of California. The institutions had been dropped from membership because they did not live up to the constitution, which requires that every college must send a team to the annual championships at least once in two years. This Brown and California had failed to do. The interest in track and field athletics at Brown and California has increased materially in the last two years, and the colleges desired reinstatement, claiming that there would be no doubt about their sending representatives to the championships hereafter. The Californians are particularly enthusiastic, and promise to send a team East every summer. The recommendation of the Executive Committee was indorsed, and both colleges were readmitted to full membership.

There was no friction or jealousy when it came to the election of officers. A. G. Maron, of Harvard,

was elected president; F. A. Young, of New-York University, secretary; W. R. Quinn, of Columbia, treasurer, and F. M. Eshleman, of Haverford, and J. E. Moore, of Georgetown, vice-presidents. The Executive Committee was elected as follows: J. D. Dana, of Yale; A. G. Mason, of Harvard; H. H. Langenberg, of Princeton, and C. L. McKeehan, of the University of Pennsylvania. The delegates to the meeting were as follows: College of the City of New-York, T. J. Breitwiser; Columbia, W. R. Quinn; Cornell, Robert Deming; Fordham, P. B. Reilly; Georgetown, J. E. Mulligan; Harvard, A. G. Mason; Haverford, F. M. Eshleman; Holy Cross, E. J. Corcoran; New-York University, A. A. Northrop; University of Pennsylvania, C. L. McKeehan; Princeton, H. H. Langenberg; Rutgers, W. VanWinkle; Swarthmore, R. L. Brownfield; Syracuse, J. W. Farley; Wesleyan, E. M. Eldridge; Williams, C. N. Stoddard; and Yale, Bascom Johnson.

Immediately after the general meeting the newly elected executive committee met in secret, and appointed Oliver Shiras manager for the annual championships this year, and W. B. Curtis referee. The association also decided to reward Mr. Curtis for his years of labor as referee of the games by presenting to him a silver loving cup. The executive committee will make the presentation in the near future. Mr. Curtis has acted as referee at the annual championships for fifteen or sixteen years, or as long as the association officers have any record.

At the conclusion of the convention J. W. Farley, the Syracuse delegate, made the announcement that, in all probability, Syracuse would send a team of amateur athletes to the world's championships at Paris next summer.

The delegates, of course, discussed with more or less interest the prospects of a dual meeting between Oxford and Cambridge and Yale and Harvard. The general opinion seemed to be that there would be no international athletic meeting this year.

#### Saturday's Track Meet.

The regular weekly handicap meet of the track team was held in the Gym. Saturday afternoon sixty-five athletes participating in the various events. Longnecker, '03, was the star of the meet, winning 3 first places; the dash, the low hurdles, and the high jump. Bushong equalled

James' performance of the previous week in the high jump. Wilson's work in the high hurdles was a noteworthy performance. The freshmen captured a majority of places, having a place winner in each event. The weight events were held outdoors. The results were:

Running high jump—Won by Longnecker, '03, (5 in.); Bushong, '02, (scratch) second; Dean, '03, (6 in.) third.

Pole Vault—Won by Carroll, '03, (3 in.); Lawson, '03, (3 in.) second; Frederick, '03, (scratch) third.

Putting 16 lb. shot—Won by Wales, '03, (3 ft.); Warner, '03, (scratch) second; Cleghorn, '02, (scratch) third.

Throwing 16 lb. hammer—Won by Wales, '03; Lueder, '03, second; Warner, '03, third.

Throwing the discus—Won by Cleghorn, '00; Warner, '03, second; Wales, '03, third.

25 yd. dash—1st heat: Longnecker, '03; Sommers, '03; Young, '02; Larkin, '00. 2nd heat: Lyons, '01; Zimmer, '03; Joseph, '01; Carroll, '03. Semi-finals: Joseph. Finals: Longnecker, '03; Sommers, '02; Joseph, '01. Time, 3 1-5 sec.

Low hurdles—Finals: Longnecker, '03; Larkin, '00; Pollard, '03. Time, 5 sec.

High hurdles—Finals: Wilson, Walton. Time, 5 3-5 sec.

#### Alumnæ of Cornell University.

The following circular is being sent to the women graduates of Cornell by the Publication Committee of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ. President Schurman wishes it stated that he merely approved of the investigation into the health, happiness and prosperity of women graduates of colleges and universities here mentioned, and is not responsible for the absurd mistake of addressing the circular to the *Alumnæ of Sage College*.

To the *Alumnæ of Sage College, Cornell University*:

I am heartily in sympathy with the investigation undertaken by the Publication Committee of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ, as described in the accompanying circular letter, and I therefore venture to ask your cordial and prompt co-operation in filling in and returning the schedules of questions. Although no names will be attached to the filled in schedules, I understand that an account will be kept of the number of graduates of each college who return schedules A, B, and C, and I shall be glad if the account shows that every Alumnæ of the College has taken part in the investigation.

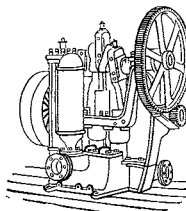
Very sincerely yours,  
 J. G. SCHURMAN,  
 President of Cornell University.

Professor Hewett will have a review of recent works in German composition in the March number of Modern Language Notes.

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# THE ALUMNI.

*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.*

'69, A. B. An annual custom which has prevailed in the United States Senate for many years is the reading by some senator, designated by resolution, of Washington's Farewell Address immediately after the reading of the journal of the Senate on Washington's birthday. Several weeks ago Mr. Foraker, the senior senator from Ohio, was selected to read the address. It was a notable compliment to him that when the Senate convened today all of the public and private galleries were crowded, and scores of people stood in the corridors unable to gain admission. An unusually large attendance of senators was present and all gave close attention to Mr. Foraker's reading, a fine bit of elocution. At the conclusion of the reading he was congratulated by his colleagues. —*Ithaca Journal.*

'71, Ph.B. A. H. Edgren with A. R. Hill, '95, and C. R. Richards, '95, are on the committee of publication of "University Studies," the bulletin of the University of Nebraska.

'72, M.S. President David Starr Jordan, of Stanford University, expects to visit Cornell about March 25.

'83, A. M. E. Josephine Watson is professor of languages at the Rhode Island College, Kingston, R. I.

'84, B.S., '88, LL.B. Professor Huffcut lectured on February 10 before the Law Students' Association of Elmira, N. Y., on "Unlawful Interference with Contract Relations," treating mainly the subject of strikes, boycotts, and combinations to drive traders out of business.

'86, M.E. Professor E. G. Merritt, as Cornell's representative in, and as secretary of the American Physical Society, attended the meeting last week held with Columbia University in New York. He presented several papers by men in the department at Cornell, including one of his own.

'87, B.S. Professor V. A. Moore, has been invited to deliver an address early in March, on Tuberculosis before the Hornellsville (N. Y.) Medical and Surgical Association.

'87, M.E. William S. Elliott manages the Pittsburg office of the Sterling Company, manufacturers of the Sterling Water Tube Boiler. He has designed friction gears, an indirect system of superheating steam, a system of water tube boiler cleaning, electric railway tracks, etc.

'88, M.E. The designer of several saving machines for pulp mills and machines for special work in pulp and paper mills, Charles B. Dix, is manager and operator of the J. L. Dix Foundry Company, Glens Falls, N. Y.

'88, B.L. George J. Tansey visited Ithaca last week on his wedding tour.

'88, M. E. Henry W. Fisher, is an electrical engineer in the Standard "V." Cable company in Pittsburg. Papers over his signature have oc-

asionally appeared in the Proceedings of the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania. He has patents for sundry fixtures and apparatus connected with cables and the testing of cables.

'89, M.M.E., John H. Barr, is now in the mining region of Butte, Mont., doing some special work of investigation for the Boston and Montana Company.

'90, M.E. E. A. Hitchcock is associate professor of experimental engineering in the Ohio State University.

'90, B.S. in Arch. Professor Trowbridge on his late trip to New York, visited the exhibition of the Architectural League, where Cornell has twenty drawings.

'91, M.E. Charles L. Etheridge is the author of various reports relative to telephone engineering. He is now assistant engineer in the engineer's department of the Chicago Telephone Company.

'91, M. N. McLaren is with the Dickson Manufacturing Company, at Scranton, Pa.

'91, M.E. Frank Land, secretary and treasurer of the I. A. Western Company, Syracuse, N. Y., has done considerable original designing and inventing in the line of knife switches, patented arc light switch, bicycle hubs and brakes.

'92, M.E. E. C. Haggett, is with the Brooks Locomotive Works at Dunkirk, N. Y.

'92, M.E. James H. Dyett is secretary, treasurer and manager of the Hard Manufacturing Company of Buffalo, N. Y.

'92, M. M. E. Joseph N. LeConte is instructor in mechanical engineering at the University of California, where he designed and arranged the electrical and mechanical laboratories.

'92, M.E. W. G. Starkweather, superintendent of the Milwaukee Automobile Company, has forwarded to Director Thurston of Sibley College, a set of blue prints showing the construction of a new engine for automobile work. The engine, capable of five horse-power, weighs forty-two pounds, whereas the ordinary stationary engine weighs fifteen or twenty times as much.

'92, B.S. in Agr., '93, M.S. in Agr. F. W. Card is professor of horticulture in the Rhode Island College, at Kingston, R. I.

'93, Thaddeus C. Henderson, after leaving Cornell, studied one year at Yale Divinity School and two at Auburn Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry in 1896. After three years and a half spent in a pastorate at Forestport, he has been called to the Presbyterian church of Breesport in this State.

'93, M.S., '97, D.Sc. E. F. Nichols has left Colgate University to become professor of physics and director of the Wilder Laboratory in Dartmouth College.

'94, C.E. G. G. Brooks has since graduation been assistant engineer and chief engineer with the Lafin Coal Company, and is now its general manager, with headquarters at Scranton, Pa. He visited the University on Saturday, February 23.

'94, M.E. Ralph N. Flint, who after taking his degree at Cornell, graduated from the Columbian University in 1898, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, is now assistant examiner in the U. S. Patent office at Washington.

'94, C.E. W. H. Loomis is engineer in charge of maintenance of way, with the Lackawanna Railroad. His headquarters are at Scranton, Pa.

'94, A.B. Miss H. E. Hoag continues in her position in the department of Greek and History at Elmira College.

'95, M.E. Frederick F. Gaines of Easton, Pa., visited Ithaca on February 19.

'95, LL.B. William P. Belden, of Grand Rapids, has an article in the February number of the *American Law Review*, entitled "Governor Pingree in Michigan, and his Reforms."

'95, C.E. S. H. Stebbins is assistant chief in the Navy department of Records Commission, Brooklyn, New York.

'95, M.E. Edmund W. Roberts is in Cincinnati with the Gas Engine Publishing Company.

'95, M.E. C. C. Egbert, now chief draftsman of the Long Island Railroad, has patented an improvement on slide valves.

'95, M.E. F. B. Downing has been since 1896 vice-president and general manager of the Keystone Electric Company, Erie, Pa.

'95, M.E. John R. Woodbridge is with the Taylor & Brouton Ore Sampling Company, at Murray, Utah.

'96, B.S. Jay Allan Bonsteel, formerly assistant in the department of geology at Cornell, has been appointed as expert field assistant on the division of soils in the Department of Agriculture at Washington. During the past summer, he was engaged in research work in Connecticut.

'96, Ph.D. Edward Dana Durand, assistant professor of finance and administration at Leland Stanford, Jr., University, is on leave of absence, in charge of preparing part of the United States Industrial Commission's report.

'96, M.E. C. D. Ehret is assistant examiner in the U. S. Patent Office.

'96, Ph.B. Miss L. M. Hoag, who returned last summer from an extended study in France and Germany, was appointed teacher of French and German in the High School at Rome, N. Y. From here she has recently been called to a similar position in East Orange, N. J., where she is associated with Miss M. M. Hoppé, A.B. '94, in the department of Modern Languages.

'96, Ph.D. Ethel Muir is professor of philosophy at Mt. Holyoke College, S. Hadley, Mass.

'96, M.S. J. E. Boyd is assistant professor of physics at Ohio State University.

'97, Ph.B., Miss Lulu Lauren is at Blue Mountain Lake, N. Y.

'97, M.E. B. S. Cottrell is with the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company at Manchester, N. H., manufacturers of fire engines.

'97, M.E. Fred T. Richards, is no longer in New York, but now resides at 19 Arch Street, Providence, R. I.

'97, M. E. G. F. Gebhardt has charge of the department of machine design in the Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago.

'98, M.E. Herbert J. Gannett is a member of the firm of Gannett & Robb, manufacturers of window-seats. He has patented a combined window-seat and table.

'98, M.S. in Agr. S. N. Fletcher has commenced a series of weekly talks on elementary horticulture before the students of the George Junior Republic, at Freeville, N. Y.

'98, LL. B. H. M. Merrihew is a member of the firm of Botsford, Merrihew and Allen, attorneys and counselors, Plattsburgh, N. Y.

'98, M.E., Wilton Bentley, visited at Ithaca last week.

'99, Harold M. Bowdoin, now living at Mount Vernon, N. Y., is in the offices of C. W. and A. A. Stoughton, architects, 96 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

'99, B. S. William F. Waterbury is engaged in Amsterdam, N. Y., in the mills of the Amsterdam Woolen Company.

'99, Special. During January, Frederick M. Nellis was delivering a course of lectures on air-brakes before the Wilmerding (Pa.) Y. M. C. A. In the last number of *Locomotive Engineering*, Nellis had a short story.

'99, C.E. H. W. Dennis, who is now with the Niagara Hydraulic Power and Manufacturing Company, visited at the University last week.

Ex-'99. H. M. Bell, who expected to take his E. E. degree this year, has been obliged to leave the University because of a severe attack of rheumatism.

'99. P. E. Wurst, B. L., Ralph Hayward, M. E., and N. W. Cheney, A. B., all of Buffalo, were entertained on Sunday February 18, at the Kappa Sigma House, Ithaca.

'99, M. E. William B. Stamford sailed on January 25 for Paris, where he will become assistant erecting engineer for the Ingersoll-Sergeant Drill Company, at the Exposition.

'99, B.S.A. Edwin R. Sweetland has entered upon his duties as coach of the Syracuse University crew.

'99, C.E. Wilton J. Darrow, is in the employ of the Shiffler Bridge Company of Philadelphia. His address is 410 S. Broad Street.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1900.

## NEW ENGLAND ALUMNI.

The second annual dinner of the New England Cornell Club will take place Friday evening, March 23 at the University Club, Boston Mass. President Schurman will be the guest of the evening. Louie Erville Ware, 108 Austin Street, Worcester, Mass. will furnish information. The largest Cornell gathering ever held in New England is anticipated.

## ALUMNI NOTES.

We wish again to call attention to the personal page of the NEWS, and its use. It is a department in which we endeavor to report the activity of all alumni; its use, as is that of all departments of the paper, is distinctly for the alumni. We are gratified when we receive occasional letters expressing pleasure on hearing news in these columns of old classmates and acquaintances; we are especially gratified if the appreciation is unselfish and the letter contains a personal note about the writer or a graduate he knows. Coöperation is what we want. We ask for letters from all alumni.

## A CHICAGO CORNELL CLUB.

Alumni in the West will note with approval the announcement made in the account of the annual dinner at Chicago to the effect that there is soon to be organized a Cornell Club at Chicago patterned after that which fills such an important place for all Cornellians in New York City. Such an institution in Chicago, located centrally, cannot help but give a renewed interest to all Cornellians in that vicinity and furnish a rendezvous for all who are passing to and from our great western city. The many other advantages to be derived from such permanent organization are too obvious to need mention. The NEWS congratulates our western brothers on the decided step forward which they have taken and hopes that

we may soon see a material consummation of their plans.

## A NEW ORGANIZATION.

The steps recently taken by our contemporary, the *Alumni Princetonian*, toward incorporation and a permanent organization deserve the hearty congratulations of the NEWS. Fortunate indeed are they at Princeton to secure as editor so prominent a man in literary circles as Jesse Lynch Williams. Undergraduate management of an alumni organ is certainly, only in a measure, successful. To be permanent and permanently successful, an alumni paper should be legally incorporated and have a regular alumni editor; the former gives business stability and the latter makes possible a definite and progressive policy. The NEWS at present is only partially organized on a basis of alumni editorship and has not yet taken steps toward incorporation; however, it is hoped that we, too, may soon take definite steps toward both these ends. The NEWS desires to secure the services of some alumnus who can give some definite portion of his time to the management of the paper and receive a moderate salary therefor. The editor, at the same time, could follow out any advanced line of study he might care to pursue in the University. It is understood that this opportunity for advanced literary study has been one of the main considerations in influencing Mr. Williams to accept his new position at Princeton. The NEWS expects in the near future to organize definitely along these same lines, thus making our paper still more effectively an alumni organ.

## FOR FAIR PLAY AND PUBLIC WEAL.

The new constitution of the State of New York asks of Cornell 88 more free scholarships than heretofore. Measured in loss of tuition fees alone this means that the community is to take from its University more than \$10,000 per annum. This University asks in return merely that it be permitted and assisted to undertake new educational services to the commonwealth.

Yet we see the astounding statement made that Cornell is rich, that it is a good thing for the State to take some of its resources away, and better still to cripple Cornell permanently by making no return. Why? The University exists solely for the benefit of State and Country. All it is and does is for the public good. Is it possible that any one really thinks the sons and daughters of the commonwealth can be too well educated, too well equipped for the battle of life, too well trained for citizenship? It is precisely because Cornell has so much money invested in buildings, libraries, laboratories, and above all, in teachers, that it is to the State's interest to use Cornell in es-

tablishing its Pedagogical College. Rich in the sense of having all the money it needs to perfect its work for the State of New York and for the American Nation, Cornell certainly is not. No University was ever rich in that sense. But rich in the sense of having a wealth of scholarship, of thorough, honest teaching, and of educational equipment, Cornell surely is. This is the good fortune of the State in which it is, and which it serves.

They are not the true friends of the State or of popular education who now seek to mislead public opinion, to the injury of Cornell. Cornell asks only for fair play and the privilege of serving the interests of public education. It makes a business proposition to the State. It is asked (or commanded) to give free instruction to 88 men and women annually. Willingly accepting the charge, it offers the State the use of its vast and costly educational plant for the completest professional preparation of teachers for the public high schools, normal schools, etc. It points out to the State that it already has the men and facilities for doing nine-tenths of the work of a pedagogical college, and that the State need put in only a few thousand dollars where the University will contribute ten millions to the success of the proposed State enterprise. As always heretofore, we do not ask the State to help Cornell, we offer our resources to help the State. We propose a partnership in which we contribute 99 per cent. of the capital and do all the work, while the State derives the profits. Against this proposition only blind hatred and sheer selfish jealousy of Cornell can find a word to say. Surely the interests of the public school system will prevail, the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction will be adopted, and fair and equitable treatment will be accorded to Cornell.

## Freshman Banquet.

The class of 1903 held its freshman banquet Wednesday evening, February 21, at the New Ithaca, and brought out an attendance of about two hundred members as against somewhat over one hundred last year. In addition invited guests were present from the faculty and the upper classes. Perhaps the only incident to mar the success of the affair was the abduction by the sophomores of the freshman president, H. C. Shattuck, who was released, however, early in the evening, and returned from Dryden in time to respond to his toast.

At the conclusion of the banquet proper, the following toasts were given, Robert Ryon acting as toastmaster: "School Boys—College Men," Professor H. Morse Stephens; President's Address, H. C. Shattuck; "Class Spirit," J. H. Gould, '00; "The Class," F. L. Carlisle; "Baseball," Coach Jennings; "Our Football Team," W. N. Roney; "Our Co-eds," E. M. Bosworth; "Our Privileges," R. P. Morse; "The Drier Life," J. F. Dorrance; "Food," A.

W. Evans; "The Future," E. E. Walker.

## Financial Report, Cornell Cross Country Club.

Following are the receipts and expenditures on account of the Cross Country teams for the season of 1899:

## RECEIPTS.

By balance of '98 subscriptions . . .	\$ 20 75
By subscriptions in '99 . . . . .	362 35
By loan . . . . .	9 18

Total receipts . . . . .	\$392 28
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## EXPENDITURES.

To I. C. C. A. A. A. A. initiation fee and dues . . . . .	\$ 30 00
To railroad fare New York and return, 6 men and trainer . . . . .	73 50
To 3 meals on train . . . . .	15 90
To hotel bill in New York . . . . .	46 95
To telegrams and messages . . . . .	1 93
To carfare . . . . .	7 60
To incidentals to Intercollegiate race, New York . . . . .	7 15
To guarantee to Yale team . . . . .	75 00
To driving Yale team over course . . . . .	4 50
To incidentals to Yale race . . . . .	4 57
To running shoes . . . . .	7 85
To running suits . . . . .	17 75
To training table for season . . . . .	93 43
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Total expenditures . . . . .	\$392 28
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## UNCOLLECTED PLEDGES.

By unpaid subscriptions . . . . .	\$ 79 50
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## OUTSTANDING BILLS.

To team medals for Yale race . . . . .	\$ 30 00
To team banner for Yale race . . . . .	12 50
To loan . . . . .	9 18

Total unpaid bills . . . . .	\$ 51 68
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**Lecture by Professor Gage, '77.**

Professor S. H. Gage, '77, lectured Friday last before the Philosophical Club. The lecture was entitled "Mechanism in Biology," and was the fourth in the series on "The Universe Regarded as a Great Mechanism."

We quote from the lecture Professor Gage's views on Spontaneous Generation and his general conclusion:

"So far as living substance in bacteria and other micro-organisms is concerned, no one at the present day believes for a moment that they arise spontaneously. It is alike certain that with the animals and plants known to the naturalist, every form has its roots somewhere in the innumerable generations which have preceded it. It may be greatly modified, but there has never been a break in the continuity. While the differences may be great, the essential likenesses are infinitely greater, and today biologists have broken loose absolutely from the past in a belief in spontaneous generation and accept the dictum of the immortal Harvey: "omne vivum ex ovo," all life is from the ovum. But as eggs, in the literal sense, do not appear in all organisms, the more generalised expression is: "omne vivum ex vivo," all life is from preceding life; and while individuals may appear and disappear, the living substratum itself is in one sense immortal. While this doctrine removes the main impediments from the path of the organic evolutionist, perhaps I may be pardoned for pursuing the subject a step farther. If since the appearance of life upon the earth there has been no break, when did the first of that potent, living substance appear and what was its origin? You all know the noble paragraph with which Darwin closes his "Origin of Species." It breathes the spirit of the Hebrew Scriptures.

"But some scientific men believe profoundly that in a true and comprehensive view of matter and energy all the phenomena of nature may be included; and as life is always associated with matter, the conclusion is reached that matter itself is alive, so that for them life has neither beginning of days nor shall it know end of years. This leads to the final modification of Harvey's maxim which would then read, "omne vivum ab aeternitate ex vivo," all life eternally from life.

"As a final word, the gist of the whole matter might be stated thus: For the organic evolutionist there must be a living substance with peculiar powers, and this substance must look for its heredity into the remote past, and there must be no break in its pedigree. The evolutionist must, with the geologist, affirm with absolute conviction and confidence that what is, has been; and shall be. Any other assumption would render the theories of the evolutionist as baseless as a similar assumption would leave the theories of the geologist.

"To the physician and the hygienist, spontaneous generation, whether in nature or in the laboratory, would mean utter chaos.

"The new vitalism as I understand it reaches out with a noble enthusiasm for all the help that physics and chemistry can give, and with enduring faith and hope looks forward to the time when the subtle, and powerful energy which it recognizes in living substance, shall find its true place and rank with the present known energies of physics and chem-

istry; and when a fuller comprehension of all the forces of nature, animate and inanimate, shall lay the foundation for a truer and broader doctrine of the correlation and conservation of energy."

**FRATERNITIES.**

**A New York Editor's Opinion.**

We reprint the following from the editorial columns of the New York Tribune, which can but prove of interest to all who understand the situation at Cornell:

It is too late to raise any question of the propriety of "Greek letter" fraternities as such. That has been settled by common consent. With all due respect to the few estimable institutions which debar them, the overwhelming judgment of colleges, of college faculties and of college men of the best type is in favor of such organizations. "Man is a social being," and never more so than in his college days. And there is a certain fascination in mystery or in exclusiveness which makes a secret society far more attractive than any other. The "secrets" may not amount to much in themselves. Neither do the domestic confidences of a family. Yet it is the reservation of them from public knowledge that forms one of the strongest elements of sympathy within the household, and it is just so in the social organization. The secret "grip" may be and probably is the same in a dozen different fraternities, yet so long as the members of each think, or succeed in thinking that they think it is exclusively their own, it serves perfectly the purpose of stimulating their interest in each other and of uniting them in special bonds of friendship.

But it would be idle to deny that the fraternity is susceptible of abuse. So is the family, to continue the comparison. There is such a thing in family life as offensive clannishness, under the malign influence of which the family becomes not the foundation but the foe of social life. That point is reached the moment the members of one family regard with disdain those of all other families. Precisely so will a fraternity become an evil if its members regard with disdain or animosity those of other fraternities simply because they are of other fraternities. In such a case the fraternity becomes the foe of social life in the college—the very thing it ought to promote. And the social life—the atmosphere, the influence, the spirit or whatever you may call it—is one of the most precious and most practically valuable things about a college.

It may be laid down, then, as a pretty safe rule that to be beneficent a fraternity must promote the general social life of the college in all the four classes alike and among rich and poor alike, on the sole basis of manly worth. And any fraternity that does not do so, but that observes artificial discriminations, setting class against class, is a detriment to its members and to the college. There comes to mind a song of one of the fraternities which proclaims that within its circle no man is a freshman, or sophomore, or junior, or senior, but only just—a member of that fraternity. That is the true spirit. There are in some colleges certain "senior societies" which are an exception to the rule, for obvious reasons. Their purpose and influence are undoubtedly beneficent. But, generally speaking, the "class society" is not productive of good. It does not promote the "college spirit." It is too often the source of class rivalries culminating in discreditable acts. The really worthy and influential fraternities, which give its best tone to the whole system and which constitute an important and valuable part of American college life, are those which embrace all the classes and thus extend their influence over a man's whole college career.

Professors Atkinson, of the Botanical Department, and Fernow and Roth, of the College of Forestry, have completed their report on "Building Materials." They are the American members of an international committee appointed for this purpose and prepared their report with particular reference to methods of preventing rot in frame houses.

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**Cornell-Columbia Debate.**

The debate authorities of the University are well pleased with Columbia's choice of the affirmative side of the question to be debated in April next, as this choice gives Cornell her favorite side in such contests. Then too, Cornell considers the negative, as worded, the practical side, and believes that as such it will afford an opportunity of strong argumentative team work, in which lies much of the strength of our system of debate. Although much popular sentiment favors the Boers in the general merits of the case, it is Kruger's ultimatum that is to be discussed, and it is believed that on this question the negative will develop unlooked for strength. In general, the debate clubs and the faculty members consider Columbia's choice favorable to Cornell. Enthusiasm is already increasing, and with the hard and systematic work now planned, prospects for a Cornell victory are bright.

**Sage Navy News.**

The persistent effort to raise sufficient funds for the erection of a boat house on Beebe Lake for the Sage Crew is bringing about gratifying results. Already \$1000 has been raised, and the contract for building let to Driscoll Bros. of Ithaca. According to contract the new boat-house is to be complete April first. A building site on the south shore of Beebe Lake has been generously given by the trustees of the University. The plan of the boat-house is that of Architect Miller, Mr. Courtney's ideas being followed out in the design. The lower floor of the house will be used as a shell room, while the second floor will be devoted to dressing rooms. The entrance from the land side will be on the upper floor, from which on the lake side a balcony will afford a full view of the lake.

The funds for the boat-house are the gift of alumni and alumnae, friends of the University and Ithaca business men, among whom Mr. E. G. Wyckoff may be mentioned as a liberal contributor. Among those active in raising the money may be mentioned Miss Elizabeth M. Rhodes, '97, Miss E. M. McNary, Ex-'00, Miss H. W. Whipple, '00.

Interest among the women in rowing is already becoming active, and at a meeting on Saturday last, called by Captain Bentley, a large number of women were present, and plans for

the season were discussed. It is expected that fully fifty women will begin training at an early date. Machine practice will begin this week for those who care to begin training, while next term work on machines will be continued according to a regular schedule. This work is under the supervision of Miss E. B. Canfield, Instructor in Physical Culture at Sage College. Although Mr. Courtney will probably take no active part in the coaching of the crews, his advice is sought and followed in everything pertaining to rowing. When the weather permits the beginning of work on the water, the crew will be coached as heretofore, by one of the coxswains from the regular Varsity.

Now that the boat-house is assured, the need of additional shells is felt more than ever. At present the Sage Navy has only one four-oared barge. It is hoped that funds for increasing the number of shells will be brought forward to supply this urgent need in the near future.

Major Symons, of the U. S. Corps of Engineers, lectured Friday before the College of Civil Engineering. His subject was, "Canals from Lake to Sea."

Assistant Librarian W. H. Austen lectured Saturday before the students of the Department of Oratory, on "Possibilities of the University Library often overlooked."

A. E. Wieland, '00, G. B. Viles, G., and N. L. Knipe, '00, represent Cornell in the fencing contest against Columbia, to be held in New York City on the evening of March 2.

Harvard has decided to admit Cuban teachers to her summer school, free of charge. Over 1,000 native Cuban teachers are expected to take advantage of this offer.

The Sophomore Cotillion Committee has decided to give its surplus receipts to the Athletic Council for the purchase of an exhibition case for the University's athletic trophies, to be placed temporarily in the Barnes Hall Trophy Room.

Professor Morse Stephens will soon deliver a course of lectures before the University of Wisconsin, upon England's Government of Colonial Dependencies. Professor Corson's lectures before the same university upon the "Interpretation of Poetry" will begin next week.

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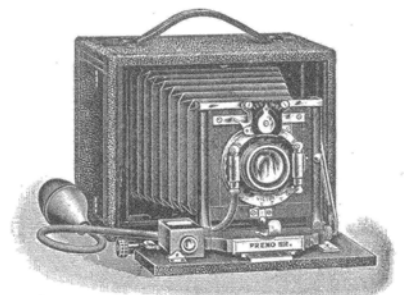
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