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A DINNER was given to President Schurman by members of the Faculty and Ithaca members of the Board of Trustees on Saturday evening, June 16, to celebrate the completion of his twenty-fifth year in the presidency. The dinner was served in the dining room of Prudence Risley Hall. About two hundred were present. Professor Edward L. Nichols '75 presided. At the speakers' table, besides the toastmaster and the President, were four professors emeritus—John H. Comstock '74, Simon H. Gage '77, Irving P. Church '73, and James Law, who was a member of the original Faculty of the University, and Mynderse Van Cleef '74, of the Board of Trustees.

In introducing the President, Professor Nichols dwelt upon the importance of several events in the University's development which have taken place during President Schurman's period of office and for all of which he had labored. Among these were the location here of the state agricultural and veterinary colleges, the foundation and endowment of the Medical College, the beginning of University residence halls, and the admission of faculty representatives to participation in the deliberations of the Board of Trustees. Professor Comstock and Mr. Van Cleef spoke of the great growth and expansion of the University under President Schurman's administration. In his own address the President reviewed the progress of philosophy and the development of education in the last quarter-century. One of the greatest changes of the period, he said, had been wrought by the present war in exposing the emptiness of German *Kultur*, and he predicted that the casting off of German influences would be followed by a return to Athenian ideals of culture.

THE SCHOOL of military aeronautics at Cornell continues to grow in numbers. Squadron E, the fifth class to enter, which began the work this week, consists of no less than fifty men, who overflowed the commandant's office at Schoellkopf Hall when they reported to him last Monday morning, June 18. The school was supposed to receive twenty-five men a week, but the average has been so much larger than that num-

ber that already, in its fifth week, the school has a hundred and fifty students. At the rate of their coming now, there will be nearer four hundred than two hundred enrolled before the first class completes the course of eight weeks. The basement of Schoellkopf Hall is filled with bunks and a large number of men are quartered in the gymnasium on the top floor. Captain Davidson, the commandant, continues to express his satisfaction with the character of the men whom the War Department is selecting and sending here for this instruction. They promise well, so far as one can judge at this time, for the quality of the service which the American army's air scouts will render it. Four officers of the Cornell Reserve Officers' Training Corps are now giving military instruction in the school. They are Colonel W. L. Saunders, Major J. B. Slimm, Captain W. F. Bull, and Lieutenant G. A. Benton, jr. There is no longer room for all the school to mess at Cascadilla, and the fifty men of Squadron E are getting their meals at the cafeteria of the department of home economics.

CONTRIBUTIONS to the American Field Service in France through the Cornell Club of New York and the Cornell committee at Ithaca amount to almost \$7,000. That figure does not include Mr. Sanderson's \$1,700 or Mr. Straight's \$1,600. It does include Miss Larson's \$2,100 and \$1,000 from John Gibbons '99 to purchase an ambulance. The temporary inability of the Field Service to obtain immediate delivery of ambulance bodies had raised some doubt whether gifts for ambulances could be used, but the present understanding at the Cornell Club is that these gifts of money will be left at the disposal of the Cornell committee. That committee is still using what free funds it obtains to finance as large a number of Cornell volunteers as possible.

SPRAYING of the Campus elms with arsenate of lead to prevent their injury by the elm leaf beetle is in progress this week. The beetle made its first appearance on the Campus in 1910, but such precautions have been taken ever since by Professor Rowlee and his successors

in the superintendency of grounds that no appreciable damage has been done to the trees. At the same time an improvement has been effected, under the direction of landscape architects, by a judicious thinning of the rows and groups of elms. There are, in the Quadrangle especially, many specimens of *Ulmus Americana* which are maturing as symmetrical and beautiful trees. The wet weather of this spring has favored the development of their foliage. Along the Tower Road, between the College of Agriculture and Alumni Field, tulip trees have been replanted in a double row and are flourishing. A similar planting a few years ago failed on account of prolonged drought.

PROFESSOR BRISTOW ADAMS has been called to Washington to help in the emergency work of the Department of Agriculture. He expects to be attached to the office of the Secretary of Agriculture and to assist in the preparation of material for the press. His departure from Ithaca will not take place till the 1st of July, after the annual meeting of the agricultural editors of the country, which will be held here on June 28 and 29. The work will occupy his time during the summer months, the period of his regular vacation from the College of Agriculture.

PROFESSOR T. F. CRANE gave an address at the commencement exercises of Pratt Institute in Brooklyn last week.

PRESIDENT SCHURMAN delivered the commencement address at Wells College on June 19.

CONFERENCES have been taking place at the Cornell University Medical College in New York City, in co-operation with the Medical Corps of the army, with a view to the standardizing of X-ray apparatus. From time to time officers of the Medical Corps and the Medical Reserve Corps have been ordered to the college to take part in these conferences. At the same time the college has been conducting courses in roentgenology. Medical officers have been assigned to take these courses to fit them to become instructors in their turn.

In Professor Creighton's Honor Former Students Publish a Book to Commemorate 25 Years of Teaching

To celebrate the completion of the twenty-fifth year of his professorship of philosophy, former students of Professor James Edwin Creighton in the Sage School of Philosophy have contributed to the preparation of a volume of "Philosophical Essays." The volume, of 356 octavo pages, has been published by The Macmillan Company.

A copy of the volume was formally presented to Professor Creighton in behalf of the authors on Tuesday evening, June 12. The ceremony took place in Professor Creighton's lecture room in Goldwin Smith Hall. Professor Ernest Albee made the presentation address, and other speakers were President Schurman and Professor William A. Hammond.

The dedication of the "Philosophical Essays" is "To James Edwin Creighton, teacher, scholar, friend," "by some of his former students as a mark of their gratitude and esteem." George Holland Sabine was the editor. President Schurman contributes the preface, a brief account of Professor Creighton as a teacher.

The essays and their authors are: *The Confusion of Categories in Spinoza's Ethics*, Ernest Albee, professor of philosophy in Cornell University; *Hegel's Criticism of Spinoza*, Katherine Everett Gilbert; *Rationalism in Hume's Philosophy*, George Holland Sabine, professor of philosophy in the University of Missouri; *Freedom as an Ethical Postulate: Kant*, Radoslav Andrea Tsanoff, professor of philosophy in the Rice Institute; *Mill and Comte*, Nann Clark Barr, instructor in philosophy in the Connecticut College for Women; *The Intellectualistic Voluntarism of Alfred Fouillée*, Alma Thorne Penney; *Hegelianism and the Vedanta*, Edgar Lenderson Hinman, professor of philosophy in the University of Nebraska; *Coherence as Organization*, G. Watts Cunningham, professor of philosophy in Middlebury College; *Time and the Logic of Monistic Idealism*, Joseph Alexander Leighton, professor of philosophy in the Ohio State University; *The Datum*, Walter Bowers Pillsbury, professor of psychology in the University of Michigan; *The Limits of the Physical*, Grace Andrus de Laguna, associate professor of philosophy in Bryn Mawr College; *Is the Dualism of Mind and Matter Final?* Henry Wilkes Wright, professor of philosophy in Lake Forest College; *The Revolt Against Dualism*, Alfred H. Jones, assistant professor of

philosophy in Brown University; *Some Comments on Instrumentalism*, Edmund H. Hollands, professor of philosophy in the University of Kansas; *Pragmatism and the Correspondence Theory of Truth*, Ellen Bliss Talbot, professor of philosophy in Mount Holyoke College; *Idea and Action*, E. Jordan, professor of philosophy in Butler College; *Some Practical Substitutes for Thinking*, Harvey Gates Townsend, associate professor of education in Smith College; *Selfhood*, Emil Carl Wilm, professor of philosophy in Boston University; *Mental Activity and Conscious Content*, Robert Morris Ogden, professor of education in Cornell University; *The Rôle of Intent in Mental Functioning*, John Wallace Baird, professor of psychology in Clark University; *The Relation of Punishment to Disapprobation*, Theodore de Laguna, professor of philosophy in Bryn Mawr College; *Functional Interpretations of Religion: A Critique*, Edward L. Schaub, professor of philosophy in Northwestern University.

Our Men at Fort Niagara

Following is a list of the Cornell men in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Fort Niagara, N. Y.—forty-six men. The list was sent to the NEWS by Charles Weiss '13.

1901.—Captain Earle B. Butchers.

1907.—Captain Arthur Knapp.

1911.—Second Lieut. Hart D. Ogelsby, Second Lieut. Paul Ploss.

1913.—First Lieut. Meyer Hofstadter, Second Lieut. Charles Weiss.

1914.—Howard O. Babcock, Marshall R. Barbour, W. Howard Fritz, jr., First Lieut. Hugh A. Hamilton, John M. Horn.

1915.—Gilbert V. Anderson, Joseph T. M. Breneman, Hamilton B. Downe, Robert L. Glose, Second Lieut. Edward A. Hill, Walker Hill, jr., Howard H. Ingersoll, Clifford H. Keller, Walter C. Lunden, William W. Pickslay, Second Lieut. Louis Du B. Rees, Charles E. Ruhe, Donald M. Smith, Second Lieut. John V. Thompson.

1916.—Charles L. Beckwith, Stuart S. Caves, Second Lieut. Charles F. Eilenberger, Lloyd G. Grinnell, Harmon C. Kibbe, W. Frank Lockhart, Arthur P. Schock, Henry W. Wiley.

1917.—William H. L. Anderson, James E. Brinckerhoff, Chandler Burpee, William Calder, jr., Paul W. Eckley, Lawrence Douglas Kingsland 2d, Stanley O. Law, John A. Piersol.

1918.—Joseph L. Eastwick, Paul C. Rebmann, Joseph A. Thomas.

1919.—Raymond V. Nicholson, John R. Ruthrauff, jr.

Miss Maury's Successful Work A Valuable Report on the Paleontology of Santo Domingo

Miss Carlotta J. Maury, Ph.B. '96, Ph.D. '02, who has been at the University during the winter and spring months, engaged in carrying out an extensive investigation into the paleontology of the island of Santo Domingo, has completed the publication of her report on that work and has returned to her home at Hastings-on-Hudson.

Having returned to this country two years ago after an eventful and successful teaching experience in Huguenot College, South Africa, she chose action rather than quietude at home, and applied for and received the Sarah Berliner fellowship in biologic science, yielding the successful candidate \$1,000 for studying some biologic science at any university or museum, here or abroad—provided a definite line of study be undertaken and a report upon the results of the same be produced.

With \$500 and some co-operation with the department concerned here, she organized a party last May for geological studies and collecting in Santo Domingo. The party met with excellent success for three weeks, but work was cut short by a revolution that assumed menacing proportions.

No sooner was work begun on her collections than it was discovered that materials of a similar character, from the same island, collected forty years ago, would be shortly studied and reported upon, thus forestalling her in her work and relegating her types and descriptions to the scrap-heap of synonymy.

Weeks and months of strenuous work ensued until finally a work of 300 pages of printed matter and 40 plates was brought out by the privately-owned press in the geological department of Cornell University four days before the rival work was issued! The specific names proposed for the types described by Dr. Maury will therefore ever hold as true names for these life forms and the great and valuable collection will doubtless eventually become the property of the University if fire proof accommodations are provided for its reception.

DEATH OF DR. F. T. BURKE

Franklin T. Burke, M.D., clinical instructor in surgery, department of laryngology and rhinology, Cornell University Medical College, died on June 9 at his home in New York City. He was forty-two years old.

OBITUARY

J. B. Foraker '69

Joseph Benson Foraker, who died at his home in Cincinnati on May 10, was the fourth member of the Class of 1869 to pass away. All the eight members of Cornell's first class survived the class's 40th anniversary. Then the Rev. G. F. Behringer and O. F. Williams died. In February, 1917, occurred the death of the Rev. James Kirkland of Kalamazoo. There are left J. A. Rea of Tacoma, and M. L. Buchwalter, C. F. Hendryx, and D. W. Rhodes, all of Cincinnati.

Foraker had great abilities and he attained the highest political honors in the power of his state to bestow, being twice Governor and for twelve years United States Senator. He was born on a farm in Highland County, Ohio, on July 5, 1846. At the age of sixteen he enlisted as a private in the 89th Ohio Infantry and served to the end of the war, becoming first lieutenant and brevet captain. After his graduation from Cornell he began the practice of law in Cincinnati. He was elected judge of the superior court of Hamilton County in 1879 and served till 1882, when he resigned on account of ill health. In 1883 he was the Republican candidate for governor of Ohio, but was defeated. He was elected in 1885, re-elected in 1887, and defeated for re-election in 1889. From 1897 till 1909 he was a United States Senator from Ohio. He was the chairman of the Ohio delegation in the national Republican conventions of 1884 and 1888, and presented to both those conventions the name of John Sherman for nomination for the Presidency. In the conventions of 1892 and 1896 he served as chairman of the committee on resolutions and as such reported the platform each time to the convention. He presented the name of William McKinley to the conventions of 1896 and 1900 for nomination to the Presidency.

Senator Foraker was an alumni trustee of Cornell University from 1884 till 1889. His eldest son, the late J. B. Foraker, jr., was a graduate of Cornell in the class of 1893. Both father and son were members of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Miller Hall '75

Miller Hall, of Alpine, N. Y., who was a student at Cornell in 1871-72, died on April 29, 1917.

J. E. Norton '80

James Eddy Norton, B.S., '80, died on May 29 at his home in Nutley, N. J. He was born at Fort Edward, N. Y., and entered Cornell in 1876. He had been

in newspaper work ever since his graduation, serving first on the New York *Tribune* and then on the *Evening Post* and the *Brooklyn Eagle*. For eight years he edited a daily at Asheville, N. C., and then owned a local newspaper at Belmont, N. Y. Since 1903 he had been on the staff of the New York *World*. He was traveling in Sicily in January, 1909, when the great earthquake occurred, and he went at once to Messina and "covered" the whole story for the *World*. His health was always frail and he was a great sufferer from asthma. His wife and daughter survive him. He was a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity.

E. A. Griffith '93

Ellis Albert Griffith, LL.B., '93, who has practiced law in Shortsville and Geneva, N. Y., since his admission to the bar, died at Geneva on June 13, after an illness of two years. He was born at Perry Creek, Wyoming County, and studied at Pike Seminary. When he was at Cornell he played on the football team and was a varsity crew man.

N. D. Betts '03

Norman DeWitt Betts, M.E., '03, was killed by lightning on May 27 on his ranch at Linwood, Uintah County, Utah. Until recently Betts was in the U. S. Forest Service and was assigned to the forest products laboratory at Madison, Wis., as an engineer. He was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

STUDENT DROWNED IN CAYUGA

Joseph Augenblick, of Newark, N. J., a freshman, was drowned on Tuesday afternoon, June 19, when the canoe in which he and his roommate, E. J. Regensburg, of New York, were paddling, capsized off McKinney's Point in Cayuga Lake. Regensburg was rescued by James McCabe, who put off from the point in a rowboat. The two students lived at Sheldon Court and were both members of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity.

WANTED—"THE CORNELLIAN"

The following volumes of *The Cornellian* are needed to complete the file of that publication in the office of the Cornell Alumni News: 1869-70, 1871-72, 1873-74, 1874-75, 1876-77 to 1879-80 inclusive, 1881-82, 1885-86, and 1886-87. These volumes are needed frequently for consultation in the course of editorial work in the News office.

THE Cornell Musical Clubs have disbanded for the year.

Mauxion Killed in Battle

Professor of Architecture Was an Officer in the French Army

Lieutenant Georges Mauxion, professor of design in the College of Architecture, was killed in action on the morning of May 15. The news of his death was received last week in a letter to Mrs. James F. Mason from a sister of Professor Mauxion's widow. Mr. Mauxion succeeded Professor Jean Hébrard in the College of Architecture in 1911. He left Ithaca immediately after the outbreak of the war, leaving his young wife here to follow him to Paris. Since he joined his regiment he had been almost constantly in active service. His loss is especially bitter because he had been selected to come to this country to help drill American troops and would have been withdrawn from the trenches in a few days.

Accompanying the letter to Mrs. Mason was a copy of the letter written to Mrs. Mauxion by the captain of Professor Mauxion's company. Following is a translation of a part of the letter:

"It is with a heart filled with profound emotion that I send you this letter announcing very bad news. Lieutenant Mauxion, your excellent husband and our brave comrade, was killed at 7 o'clock, May 15, during a violent attack of which you have read in the *communiqué*. The enemy made a fierce attack at dawn and our line was seriously threatened. Our company was ordered to make the counter-attack. We had to cross a ravine under the fire of artillery and machine guns. Lieutenant Mauxion led his platoon. As he led his men out of the trench he was struck by a bullet in the head and fell into the arms of his orderly with the words "I am killed."
* * *

"He was held in high esteem by his officers and worshipped by his men, who were ready to die for him, and so his soldiers, electrified by his example, fought with great ardor all day long and routed the enemy.

"Your brave companion is another victim of this frightful war. At the moment when he might have obtained justly a less dangerous position he fell upon the field of battle. He has paid for the success of our noble cause with his own blood. Honor his memory. You may be proud of his courageous conduct. He is mourned by the whole regiment. He was buried in a fitting manner and his body lies in the cemetery of Clamecy, where the grave is decorated."

Report of the Committee on the Recognition of Scholarship

THE University Faculty has received the report of its Committee on the Alumni Inquiry Regarding the Recognition of Scholarship. The report has been printed. With copies of letters which the committee received, it makes a pamphlet of forty-seven pages. Almost all of those letters have been published in the NEWS. The members of the committee signing the report are Professors W. N. Barnard, George G. Bogert, Henry S. Jacoby, W. W. Rowlee and Henry A. Sill, and Secretary H. A. Hitchcock.

The committee begins its report by stating its mission, which was, in brief, to suggest means by which the alumni could help to secure recognition for unusual excellence in scholarship on the part of students. A public discussion of the problem was invited by the committee, and that discussion has, the committee says, taken a wider range than was originally contemplated. "It has developed into a consideration of means for the promotion, whether by the alumni or the Faculty, of a more active participation by our students in the higher life of the University." And the committee "could not ignore these wider aspects of the question."

A series of suggestions for action by the Faculty, and another series of suggestions for action by the alumni, are submitted. As to the former, the committee "finds itself in entire agreement with all those who believe that what is needed is a change of heart rather than new devices," and "is further of the opinion that, while no significant improvement can be effected without such a transmutation of values as these gentlemen demand, yet it may be possible for the Faculty and for the alumni, if their hearts be set in the right direction, to assist this essentially spiritual process by bringing their influence to bear upon our students in the form of specific incentives to the development and demonstration of intellectual power." These, then, are the Committee's

Suggestions for Action by the Faculty

1. The committee recommends that an annual Convocation of the members of the University be devoted, at least in part, to the recognition of academic honors. Such an assembly was first suggested by Mr. Hoy. At present, academic honors are officially noted only on the Commencement programme, for the benefit of the graduating class and its friends. Athletic distinctions, on

the contrary, are awarded with impressive ceremony, before a representative student gathering. The committee believes that we owe it to the recipients of academic honors to give formal recognition to their achievements. At the Convocation proposed an address might well be given by a distinguished speaker, who, if possible, should be an alumnus of this University. The committee originally contemplated, as an appropriate date for such an assembly, the day of the meeting of the Board of Trustees in April; but two objections to this arrangement have been offered: (a) the Trustees already have rather a busy day, and (b), as Professor Keniston suggests, it would be too late in the year, if the occasion is to impress the students and especially the freshmen with a realizing sense of the opportunities of which they may and should take immediate advantage. At Harvard the "Award of Academic Distinctions" is held early in the year and is said to have had an excellent influence on new students. Possibly this precedent might be followed, or, as the committee is now prepared to recommend, the proposed recognition of academic honors could be given on Founder's Day. This might be sufficiently early, there would be more time for the speaker of the day, and the honor which we owe to the memory of the Founder of the University would be appropriately combined with the recognition of those who had proved their right to profit by his devotion and by the generosity of their other benefactors.

2. The committee recommends that the Faculty give recognition, at such an occasion as has just been suggested or in some other manner, to those students who are honored by election to Phi Beta Kappa, to Sigma Xi, to Tau Beta Pi, or to any similar society.

3. The committee recommends that the Faculty request its special committee on prizes to consider and report upon means whereby those prizes which appear to be commonly neglected may be made more effective incentives to intellectual effort.

An "Orientation Course"

4. The committee recommends that the University Faculty recommend to the several college faculties the institution, if possible, in each college, of an "Orientation Course" for freshmen. Such a course might cover such topics as these: the nature of a university; the history, organization and characteristics

of Cornell University; your college and its work; the work of the other colleges; the University Library; undergraduate life; how to study and how to make the most of your mental apparatus and of your academic opportunities; how to improve your physical condition; how some great men were educated; some scientific and social problems that await solution; the choice of your vocation. Orientation courses of this general character are now given at several colleges and universities and appear to have proved their value. With us the freshman is "orientated" by upperclassmen, by the athletic authorities, and at "get-wise" meetings in some of the colleges and at Barnes Hall. The committee is indebted to Professor Burr for a copy of the syllabus for the orientation course at Brown University, which will be submitted to the inspection of the Faculty. The committee hopes that, if similar courses are undertaken here, they will not consist merely of lectures but that an effort will be made to elicit ideas from the freshmen themselves.

5. The committee transmits to the Faculty for transmission to the several college faculties the suggestion that in each college honorary undergraduate scholarships, without stipend, be annually awarded on the basis of scholastic rank.

6. The committee transmits to the Faculty for transmission to the several college faculties a proposal to recognize honor groups, consisting of the best students in each class in each college, whose names could be published in the University Bulletin and announced at the proposed Convocation on Founder's Day.

Other Suggestions Merely Recorded

Further than the foregoing recommendations, so far as formal action by the Faculty is concerned, the committee is not at present prepared to go; but certain other suggestions and opinions have been laid before it which it records as worthy of consideration. These relate to credits for quality of work as well as for actual performance; standardization of marks; probation; degrees with distinction; regulation of fraternities; elimination of uninterested and unfit students; improvement of the quality of teaching, and modification of the lecture system of instruction.

In the second part of its report the committee says:

Addressing itself now to the Alumni, upon whose initiative this whole inquiry

has been undertaken, the committee would be glad, if it could, to give adequate expression to the gratification with which the Faculty welcomes the expression of their concern for the higher interests of the University. We believe that their devotion to their Alma Mater and their gratitude to her founders and benefactors, to the national government, and to the state, could take no more substantial or impressive form than this. We believe that the Alumni have an opportunity, the significance of which we are only just beginning to realize, to aid in effecting that change in the mental attitude of many of our undergraduate students, in which we recognize the necessary condition for the real vitality and the true success of the University. Such a change will not come over night; the influence of the Alumni must be exerted during a long series of years and for generations to come.

The Charity Most Needed

The University, as we all know, cannot do its work without the financial assistance of its alumni, to whose loyalty and liberality it owes indispensable and increasing additions to its resources. An alumni fund amounting to \$100,000 a year, the immediate goal of the Cornellian Council, would be equivalent to the income from an endowment of about two million. Other universities are receiving additions to their productive funds on a similar or a larger scale. Some state universities in the West and some of the older endowed universities of the East are forging ahead more rapidly than we are. If Cornell is to live up to its traditions and to meet its opportunities, if it is to maintain a large faculty of real scholars and real teachers, if its Library is to hold its place secure among the great libraries of the country, if it is to be adequately equipped with buildings and educational appliances, if it is to continue to be a first-rate, a many-sided and a large university and not to become a second-rate, a lop-sided or a much smaller university than at present, it must have all the money that its alumni can give or induce others to give; but this is not the only thing nor possibly the most important thing that they can do for Cornell. Size or prominence is not essential to the greatness of a university. We can still be a first-rate university on a modest and restricted scale. A great city, as Aristotle said, is not a big city but one that does its work well. "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor," said St. Paul, "and though I give my body to be burned and have not charity,

it profiteth me nothing." The charity of which the University is most in need is love for its spirit, devotion to its higher life, intelligent concern for the vital interests of its youthful members who come to us while they are still "wax to receive and marble to retain."

Opportunities for Personal Service

Without this, all else is of little worth. The contributions which the alumni are making to the material resources of the University will yield their full proceeds only if they shall be accompanied and sustained by contributions to its spiritual resources. Let the alumni think of themselves as still active members of the University, as students of a higher grade. The aim of education, we are told, is merely more education. Its test, we all believe, is to be found in capacity to make discoveries, to discern new relations, to solve problems. It is a social adventure. There are departments of the University many of whose graduates remain in mutually fruitful intellectual contact with their former teachers. They continue to exchange ideas with one another. In an ideal university, once a student would mean always a student. Let us try to approximate to this ideal. An alumnus who continues to draw from the University inspiration and information and to put at its disposal the results of his own investigation and experience will be in a more favorable position to help his successors during their undergraduate days than one who has ceased to regard himself as a student, who is merely a regular subscriber or a casual visitor, reminiscent of the past.

Read These for Hints

If any alumnus earnestly desires to do something to encourage unusual excellence in scholarship among the undergraduates, but does not see just what he can do, we venture to suggest that he might possibly find it helpful to read, in the first place, John Erskine's essay on "The Moral Obligation to be Intelligent," for the sake of its well-sustained plea that what America needs is more knowledge; and in the second place, a little book entitled "Should Students Study?" by President W. T. Foster, of Reed College, for the sake especially of its well-balanced argument in support of the thesis that the students who do high-class work in school are generally those who do high-class work at college, and that those who do high-class work at college are generally those who do high-class work later in life. Then let him read, if he has not yet read, the chapters in "The Autobiography of

Andrew D. White," which tell the story of the foundation and the early years of Cornell University, that he may become personally acquainted with the aspirations and the sacrifices that were built into its fabric. Let him get into touch, either in the course of a visit to the Campus or by correspondence, with the present work and the present problems of one or more departments of the University. And then let him get hold of some student in whom he is interested and talk to him about it all and draw him out.

We lay stress upon this individual work because we believe that, in the long run, it is the kind that will count most. We suggest that the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association might well study its possibilities and take such action as may be feasible toward meeting more and more fully what we believe to be the desire of an increasing number of our alumni to keep in touch with the University and its work and to give time and attention to its necessities. A sustained effort might be made to promote such missionary activity on the part of earnest and well-informed alumni as we have suggested; and through the Secretary of the Associate Alumni and the Secretary of the University the alumni organization might bring an increasing number of its members into personal contact with the university of to-day and of to-morrow and with successive generations of students.

Prizes and Scholarships

"Another opportunity for personal service," the committee continues, "would, we believe, be afforded, if the several college faculties or any one of them should receive with favor the suggestion that orientation courses be provided for freshmen. An occasional address by an alumnus in such a course would stimulate interest and contribute useful information." The establishment of prizes or of funded scholarships in each college is also suggested, with this note: "It is only fair for the committee to mention that Mr. Tatum, who first made to it the suggestion that alumni prizes for high scholarship might be established, coupled with this the proviso that, in awarding such prizes, consideration should be given not only to high class standing but also to success in other activities. It is also only fair to say that the committee has found general reluctance, among those who have given it their advice, to accept this proviso. The general opinion seems to

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A GOOD share of this issue of the NEWS is given to a summary of the report of the Faculty committee which has been studying how the Alumni can help to maintain a high standard of undergraduate scholarship in the University. We should have been glad to give the report in full, and we should have been justified in doing so by the importance of the subject and by the interest which the discussion has aroused among the alumni. But to do so would have required us to divide the report among two or three issues, and it seemed desirable to give as much of it as we could before the annual meeting of the Alumni Association this week. We have therefore undertaken to summarize the report and to give liberal extracts from the committee's arguments on the main points of the subject. Most of the communications which the committee in-

cludes in an appendix were published in the NEWS in the course of the discussion. Some parts of the report and the appendix may be published in subsequent issues. Our reason for wishing to give as much as we can is that the committee has been able to print only a few hundred copies of the report. Some of these have been distributed to persons who have a particular interest in the matter. Other copies have been deposited with the Secretary of the University, and alumni who are interested may obtain them from him by asking for the "Report of the Faculty Committee on the Recognition of Scholarship."

The Medical College

Twenty-seven Receive the Degree of M.D. at the 19th Commencement

Twenty-seven graduates of the Cornell University Medical College received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the nineteenth annual Commencement on June 14. President Schurman conferred the degrees. Colonel Henry Timrod Goodwin addressed the graduating class.

Dean Polk read the honor roll, as follows: 1, Connie Myers Guion (A.B., Wellesley; A.M., 1913, Cornell), Charlotte, N. C.; 2, Abraham Kardiner (A.B., 1912, C. C. N. Y.), New York; 3, Edward Paul Flood (A.B., 1914, Cornell), Albany; 4, Daniel Schultheis (A.B., 1913, Cornell), College Point; 5, Kaufmann Wallach (A.B., 1914, Cornell), New York; 6, Albert Barnett Ferguson (A.B., 1914, University of Maine), New York.

The John Metcalfe Polk Memorial Prizes were awarded, the first prize of \$300 to Dr. Guion as the student having the highest standing; the second prize of \$125 to Dr. Kardiner, who was second in rank, and the third prize of \$75 to Dr. Flood, who had the third highest standing.

The prizes given by Dr. Whiting, for efficiency in otology, were awarded, the first, of \$50, to Dr. Ferguson, the second, of \$25, to Dr. Guion.

Members of the class who received their first degrees from Cornell University are, besides those named in the honor roll: Solomon Berger '14, Albert F. Coutant '13, Archie L. Dean, jr., '13, Gilbert H. Mankin '14, Merle Marion Mosier '14, Ralph D. Reid '14, and Ramsey Spillman '14.

Other members of the class are graduates of Yale, Bucknell, Williams, Columbia, Princeton, Michigan, Nebraska, Dartmouth, and Barnard.

Reunion and Commencement

Friday, June 22—Alumni Day

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

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

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

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

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

10 p. m. Fraternity and club reunions.

Saturday, June 23—Alumni Day

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

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

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

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

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

6 p. m. Class dinners.

Sunday, June 24

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

Monday, June 25

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

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

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

Tuesday, June 26

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

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

Wednesday, June 27

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

Recognition of Scholarship

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be that sufficient recognition is already given to extra-curricular activities. In leaving the final decision to the candidates' fellow students, the rules governing the award of the Fraser Scholarships [in the law school] would appear to give an opening for sufficient recognition of qualities of mind and character which may not necessarily be revealed in the class-room." An increase by alumni of the number of undergraduate university scholarships is mentioned as a possibility.

The following words of the report are also addressed to alumni:

Undergraduate Notion of "the Alumni"

The committee also suggests to the Directors of the Alumni Association that further effort should be made to correct in the minds of our students the impression that the alumni as a body are concerned chiefly or exclusively with the athletic prestige of the University and that they reserve their approval for those students who have achieved success in athletics or in other extra-curricular activities. The action already taken by the alumni organization in initiating the inquiry to which this report is a response is itself evidence to the contrary and has already had its effect on undergraduate opinion. Nevertheless, it must be recognized that too many alumni lend support to the doctrine that it is "college life," rather than university work, which counts the most. As Mr. Newman says, a generation of alumni has gone out more or less inoculated with the idea that efficiency gained through "outside activities" is the thing to be had from college life. "We are confronted," says the *Alumni News* (March 1, 1917), "by an undergraduate state of mind which most of us have helped, in the last thirty years, to create." To the more mature alumni in particular, and to all those who are unable to worship what has been called the Idol of Incidental Issues, the University must look for the sustained effort to revive the older and sounder traditions of Cornell, as a place where men's work counts for more than boys' play.

Athletic Endowment Suggested

It must also be admitted that the boys' play is in many respects salutary and necessary. Professor Willcox points out that the lack of opportunities for social and competitive intellectual effort has led to the creation of student organizations in which the social desires for co-operation or team-work and competition or emulation can find expression.

Among those men who win the C in athletics or who secure other prizes of undergraduate life there is a good proportion of high-grade students. They are often men of exceptional ability and admirable character, and the chief pity is that their desire and determination to excel have been diverted so largely into less important activities, that they have consequently lost much of the intellectual development which they were naturally qualified to attain, and that their prominence and popularity lead to a general depreciation of intellectual values. In general, we believe that the attitude of the undergraduates toward these things, if they are left to themselves, tends to become sane and sensible; but unfortunately the financial problems involved in the maintenance of a high standard of athletic achievement make it necessary to exaggerate its significance and particularly to resort to an extensive and intensive campaign of publicity which helps to drown out the claims of other and higher interests. If, by means of an athletic endowment, season tickets and gate receipts could be dispensed with, we believe that the evils of athletics would be largely if not entirely obviated; and there is no problem which deserves the attention of the alumni organization or of individual alumni more urgently than this.

Our athletes are, for the most part, modest and sensible fellows; but it would not be their fault if their heads were turned by the attention and the publicity which they sometimes receive.

Fraternities and Their Alumni

"Other and abundant opportunities for personal service are," the committee says, "within the reach of all those alumni who are members of fraternities. A special responsibility rests upon the shoulders of fraternity alumni resident in Ithaca, but of the others there are many who come back frequently, and all are in a position to exert a continual and an intimate influence upon the corporate life of their younger brothers. So far as our experience and observation go, the undergraduate chapters appear to be reasonably willing to listen to the advice of their alumni. We must not demand too much; we must not expect grey heads to grow upon young shoulders; but we have a right to expect that every chapter here shall regard itself not as a boarding club but as a permanent social group, with traditions, with an outlook into the future, with a sense of its responsibilities as an integral part of an

intellectual community. In every fraternity there are men who are endeavoring to live up to this high calling. Let the alumni in each fraternity back up such men; let them show their approval of a delegation which attains a good scholastic average, whether measured by marks or otherwise; let them encourage the active chapter to select among its initiates some men who give promise of the highest intellectual achievement and to bestow its approval upon those who fulfill such promise; let them encourage a man of ability and ambition to regard intellectual activity or possibly an academic career as an opportunity to serve his university and his country well. In too many fraternities freshmen and sophomores are virtually compelled to enter competitions of whose value they are not qualified to judge. In all fraternities there is a tendency to repress individuality, which can only be corrected by conscious and serious effort. There is a tendency to take more satisfaction in transient popularity and in 'the lightly proffered laurel of the campus' than in the hard-won and less obvious rewards of moral and intellectual endeavor."

The committee concludes:

"Under the new discipline of war, as the President of the University has predicted, the whole country may become more sober-minded. Among the students who will come to us in the near future there may be many more who have learned to think seriously and to take their work seriously. We must make sure that such men are not disheartened but sustained by the spirit of the University. We must try to surround them with a social atmosphere favorable to the development of their gifts. We must make our appeal to the best aspirations of every one whom we admit to our fellowship. However large the number of our students may be, we must try to deal with them as individuals in a free community; for a university, as Cardinal Newman said, is an Alma Mater, knowing her children one by one, not a foundry, or a mint, or a treadmill. The war, which for the time being enforces a reduction in the size of the University and the suspension of many of its activities, may give us time, as it surely imposes upon us an obligation, to take thought and to prepare for the conditions which will confront us at its close. That here is a work for the Alumni as well as for the Faculty this report has attempted to indicate."

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ALUMNI NOTES

'86, B.S.—The Rev. Andrew E. Dunham is the rector of Trinity Episcopal Church at Fayetteville, N. Y.

'88, Ph.B.—*The New York Times Magazine* of June 17 has a special article on the raising of a fund of four million dollars for Y. M. C. A. war relief work, in which William Sloane, chairman of the Y. M. C. A. war council, gives the credit for the success of the campaign to John R. Mott '88. Mr. Mott is now in Petrograd as a member of the special American mission to Russia. Before he was drafted by President Wilson for that service he had mapped out the scheme which was followed in raising the millions. The article says: "Mr. Mott has given practically his whole time to the relief and comfort of the men on the battlefields of Europe during the last three years. Among his friends he is known as the creative genius of the work in prison camps."

'91, LL.B.—Walter P. Cooke is chairman of the campaign committee which is working this week to raise Buffalo's share of the hundred million dollar Red Cross fund. Buffalo has been called upon to contribute \$1,500,000 to the fund.

'91, M.E.—Major Frank A. Barton, U. S. Cavalry, who has been in command of Camp John H. Beacom, Calexico, Cal., has received four months sick leave. His address is changed temporarily to Youngstown, Niagara County, N. Y.

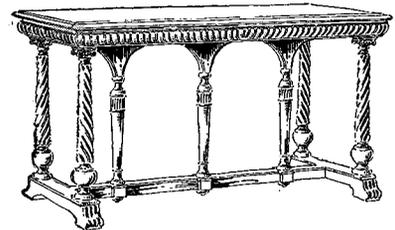
'97, M.E.—A son was born on June 10 to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Gail of Detroit. He is their fifth child and fourth son.

'97, B.S.—Army orders of June 14 sent Captain C. G. Edgar, Quartermaster Officers' Reserve Corps, to Mineola, N. Y., for temporary duty with the aviation service, thence to his station at Washington.

'99, M.E.—The proceedings of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia, just published, contain the presidential address, presented at the annual meeting of the club on May 15, 1917, by the retiring president, Emmett B. Carter '99. Mr. Carter is also the chairman of the Philadelphia section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

'03, LL.B.—Alfred Huger, who is practicing law at Charleston, S. C., has been appointed Admiralty Counsel to the Federal Shipping Board.

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'04, M.E.—Clarence S. Adams has changed his address from Kenmore, N. Y., to 263 Saranac Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

'05, C.E.—H. F. Porter, who is now a captain in the Quartermaster Officers' Reserve Corps, has left Detroit for New York City, where his address is in care of the National City Bank.

'06, M.E.—P. Gordon Douglas is a captain in the British Royal Engineers on the Salonica front. Before the war Douglas was engaged in engineering work in Persia for the Persian Railway Syndicate.

'09, M.E.—J. R. Bolgiano's address is changed from Pittsburgh to 529 Grand Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

'09, M.E.—First Lieutenant A. V. S. Lindsley, who has been on the staff of instruction of the officers' training corps at Fort Sheridan, Ill., has received orders assigning him to the Engineer Company, 10th Provisional Regiment, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

'10, C.E.—George E. Wilson is president and general manager of the Springfield Wall Paper & Paint Company, Springfield, Mo.

'11, A.B.; '14, LL.B.—Heber Emlyn Griffith is to be married to Miss Emily Wilcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Wilcox, at Utica, N. Y., on June 27.

'12, Sp. Ag.—Thomas E. Milliman was married to Miss Amy S. Treman of Rochester, N. Y., on June 9. They will make their home at Middletown, N. Y. Milliman's best man was the bride's brother, L. C. Treman '14.

'12, C.E.—F. K. Perkins has received a commission as first lieutenant, Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps, and is at Madison Barracks, N. Y.

'12, A.B.—Dr. Merrill N. Foote has recently returned to this country after two years in the American hospital service in France and has received a commission in the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps. He is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

'13, C.E.—A son, Albert Fontaine Reutlinger, was born on June 1st to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Reutlinger of Louisville, Ky.

'12, M.E.—Leslie McKendrick was married to Miss Marion Decker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clinton Decker, at Johnstown, N. Y., on June 16.

'13, M.E.—Newman Comfort is now the manager of the Louisiana branch of the National Workmen's Compensation

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'13, A.B.—A son, Richard G. Kinscherf, jr., was born on June 10 to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Kinscherf of 1045 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'13, M.E.—The address of B. F. Bardo is changed to 444 Ellsworth Avenue, New Haven, Conn.

'13, M.E.—Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Mackenzie of 399 Park Avenue, New York, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Graham Mackenzie, to George P. McNear, jr. McNear has enrolled in the Engineer Corps soon to be sent to France.

'13, A.B.—A daughter, Edna Margaret, was born on May 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Baldwin (Edna Post '13) of Arlington, Tenn.

'13—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Dorothy G. Swetland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Monroe Swetland, of Montclair, N. J., to Joseph J. Mason '13. Mason is at Austin, Texas, in training for the aviation section of the Officers' Reserve Corps.

'14, B.S.—L. C. Treman is sailing this week to join the American Volunteer Motor Ambulance Corps in France.

'14, A.B.—William Seeman is an assistant paymaster in the navy and has charge of the supply office of the second naval district at Newport, R. I.

'14, M.E.—Mrs. George Ohmer announces the marriage of her daughter, Ruth Amy Ferree, to Charles Frederic Dye '14, on May 30, at Dayton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Dye will be at home after August 1st at 1515 North Main Street, Dayton.

'15, B.S.—D. S. Hatch is doing army Y. M. C. A. work with the British forces, at present those holding back the troublesome Afghanistan border tribes along the Kabul River. He will probably be there or in Mesopotamia until the end of the war. Letters will reach him if addressed to Y. M. C. A. Central Office, Bombay.

'15, A.B.—M. S. Baldwin, R. E. Hendrickson, L. M. Blancke, J. A. Radeloff and I. E. Post graduated on June 6 from the Columbia Law School.

'15, C.E.—A. S. Patrick is with the Knoxville Power Company, Topoco, N.C.

'16, B.S.; '17, B.S.—The Rev. H. D. Smith and Mrs. Smith, of Ovid, N. Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ruth H. Smith '16, and John E. Houck '17, of Buffalo.

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'17, B.Chem.—Herbert R. Johnston is a research chemist with Pratt & Lambert, Inc., Buffalo, N. Y. He lives at 130 Dearborn Street.

'17, B.S.—C. E. Gates is working on Borden's Home Farm at Walkill, N. Y.

'17, B.S.—Irving H. Doetsch is director of the Home Garden League of Buffalo, N. Y. He reports that the number of gardens in that city has increased this year more than 200 per cent. The league is looking after more than 700 families who have no land of their own, by means of municipal gardens. The city pays for the preparation of the land and for the seed, and the tenants harvest whatever they can on their allotments of land.

'17, B.S.—The address of Lieutenant

William A. Duckham is 47th Company, 5th Regiment, U. S. Marine Corps Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

'17, B.S.—H. E. Haslett is serving till September as county representative of the New York State Food Supply Commission at Ovid, N. Y.

'17, B.Arch.—Chester C. Woodburn, who has been in training at Plattsburg, N. Y., has been assigned to Battery 3, 2d Regiment, Field Artillery, and that is his new address at Plattsburg.

'17, B.Chem.—Allison C. Mills is employed as a chemist by the Midvale Steel & Ordnance Company. His address is 4613 Newhall Street, Germantown, Philadelphia.

'17, B.Chem.—Arthur L. Stern's address is Y. M. C. A., Perth Amboy, N. J. He is with the Raritan Copper Works.

'17, A.B.—The address of John R. Whitney, who enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve Force, is Hayden Court, Newport, R. I.

'17, C.E.—Robert E. Bassler of Brooklyn is with the Carnegie Steel Company at Munhall, Pa. He is living at the Carnegie Hotel.

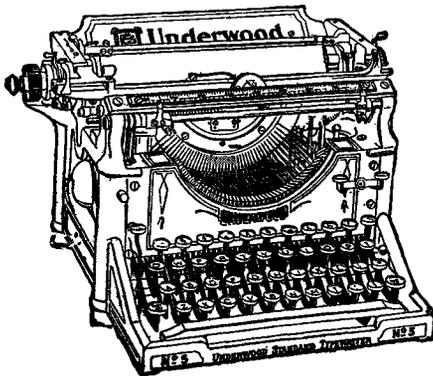
'17, C.E.—John F. Hardecker is with H. Koppers Company of Pittsburgh. His address is 331 Amber Street, East Liberty, Pittsburgh, Pa.

'17, C.E.—E. W. Kurz is with the Des Moines Steel Company in Pittsburgh, Pa.

'17, C.E.—The address of H. H. Hemmings is 206 Haynes Street, Johnstown, Pa. He is with O. P. Thomas, consulting engineer.

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By the way, what has your exhibitor said about booking "The Great White Trail," the new super-feature just made by The Whartons, who produced "Patria," "The Exploits of Elaine," and other pictures that have become famous in the world of photoplay?

Doris Kenyon is featured in the picture which tells a story of an unbounded love and a pair of baby shoes which draw a man and woman together again in reconciliation after many a year of vicissitudes, finally to find happiness in the cold stretches of the north. All the photography—of which much is in unbounded snow scenes—was done in the vicinity of Ithaca, amid scenes that are well known to all students of Cornell.

So, if you desire to see "The Great White Trail," ask your exhibitor what he has done about obtaining the feature for his house. Tell him to write to Wharton Inc. for information as to the states rights buyers and others who may be handling the picture in his territory.

"The Great White Trail" has received the praise of all reviewers upon its New York showing, even the reviewers applauding—which is a bit unusual. Therefore, the next time you go to your picture theater, ask the manager what he is doing about "The Great White Trail," and when he intends to show it. He'll appreciate it, for where is the theater manager who does not like to learn the trend of the likes of his patrons?—*Advertisement.*

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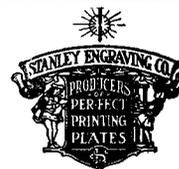
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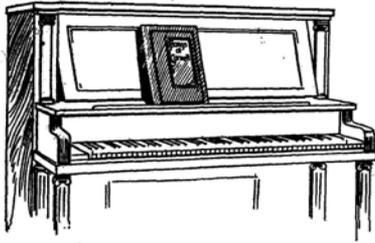
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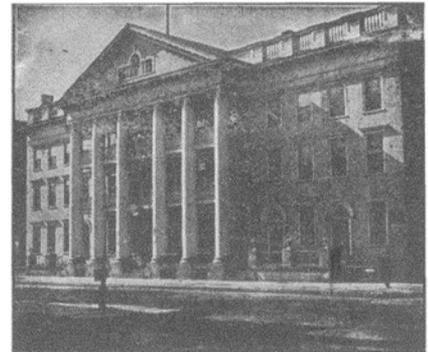
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