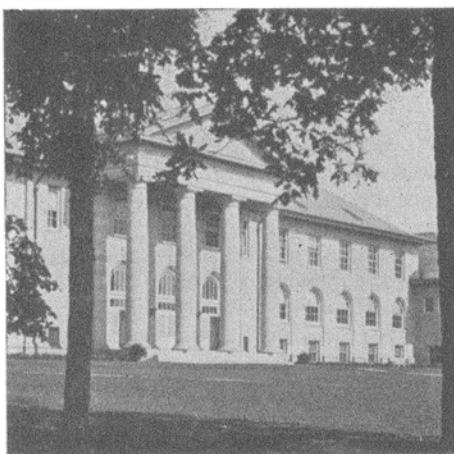


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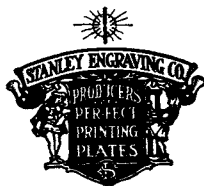
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THREE members of the Board of Trustees whose terms expired at this Commencement were re-elected by the Board at the June meeting. They are Charles H. Blood, of Ithaca; C. Sidney Shepard, of New Haven, N. Y., and Henry W. Sackett, of New York City. Judge Blood served ten years (1901-1911) as a representative of the alumni on the board. In 1911 he was elected by the board itself to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Walter C. Kerr. Mr. Shepard's membership in the board dates from 1896. Mr. Sackett was successively an alumni trustee (1899-1909) and a trustee appointed by the Governor (1909-1913), and in January of this year was elected by the board to fill out the term of the late General Stewart L. Woodford. The present term of office of the three is five years. The other members of the board whose terms will expire in 1919 are Ira A. Place and George J. Tansey, just elected by the alumni, and ex-Governor John A. Dix, recently appointed by Governor Glynn.

THE MEMBERS of the Board of Trustees who were present at the meeting on June 16 were President Schurman and Messrs. Cornell, Blood, Sackett, Place, Tansey, Dix, Barr, Morris, Carlisle, Boldt, Hiscock, Mason, Edwards, Miller, Newman, VanCleaf, R. H. Treman, Westervelt, Wilson, Westinghouse, C. E. Treman, Williams, Matthews, Pound, J. Du Pratt White and Mrs. Moody. Letters were received from Messrs. Andrew D. White, Finley, and Shepard, expressing their regret at not being able to attend the meeting.

THE BEQUEST of Florence E. Dearstyne, of the class of 1885, is to be employed for the assistance of needy women students of the University. Miss Dearstyne died on September 30, 1910. By her will she left \$5,000 to the Cornell Women Graduates' Association. When she died that association had gone out of existence. After some litigation the present Cornell Federation of Women's Clubs established its right to receive the bequest. Up to the present time the Federation has received \$2,367.71

of the gift. This money has been paid over to the Treasurer of the University and will be held in trust by the University. It will be kept in a separate fund, to be known as the "Florence Dearstyne Fund," that may be added to from time to time, and the net income is to be paid to such needy young women students of the University as shall be certified by the president and the secretary of the Federation.

A GIFT of \$500 from Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack, to be used "for the best interests of forestry" at Cornell University, was reported at the meeting of the Trustees. Mr. Pack is a forestry expert. His home is at Lakewood, N. J., and his office is in Cleveland, Ohio. He studied forestry in the Black Forest of Germany, spent several years in exploring the forests of Canada, the Northwest, Louisiana and Mississippi, and was for many years president of the Pack Woods Company of Michigan, at that time one of the largest manufacturers of lumber in the United States. President Roosevelt made him a member of the Conservation Commission. The gift was accepted with thanks and the question of its best use was referred to the department of forestry.

THE CHINESE STUDENTS in America will hold their annual conference in Cleveland, Ohio, in the first two weeks of September. The eastern and western alliances will unite in this meeting. Last year the convention of the eastern alliance was held in Ithaca. About thirty of Cornell's Chinese students will go to Cleveland for the 1914 conference. They will go prepared to defend the track trophy which they have won now for two years.

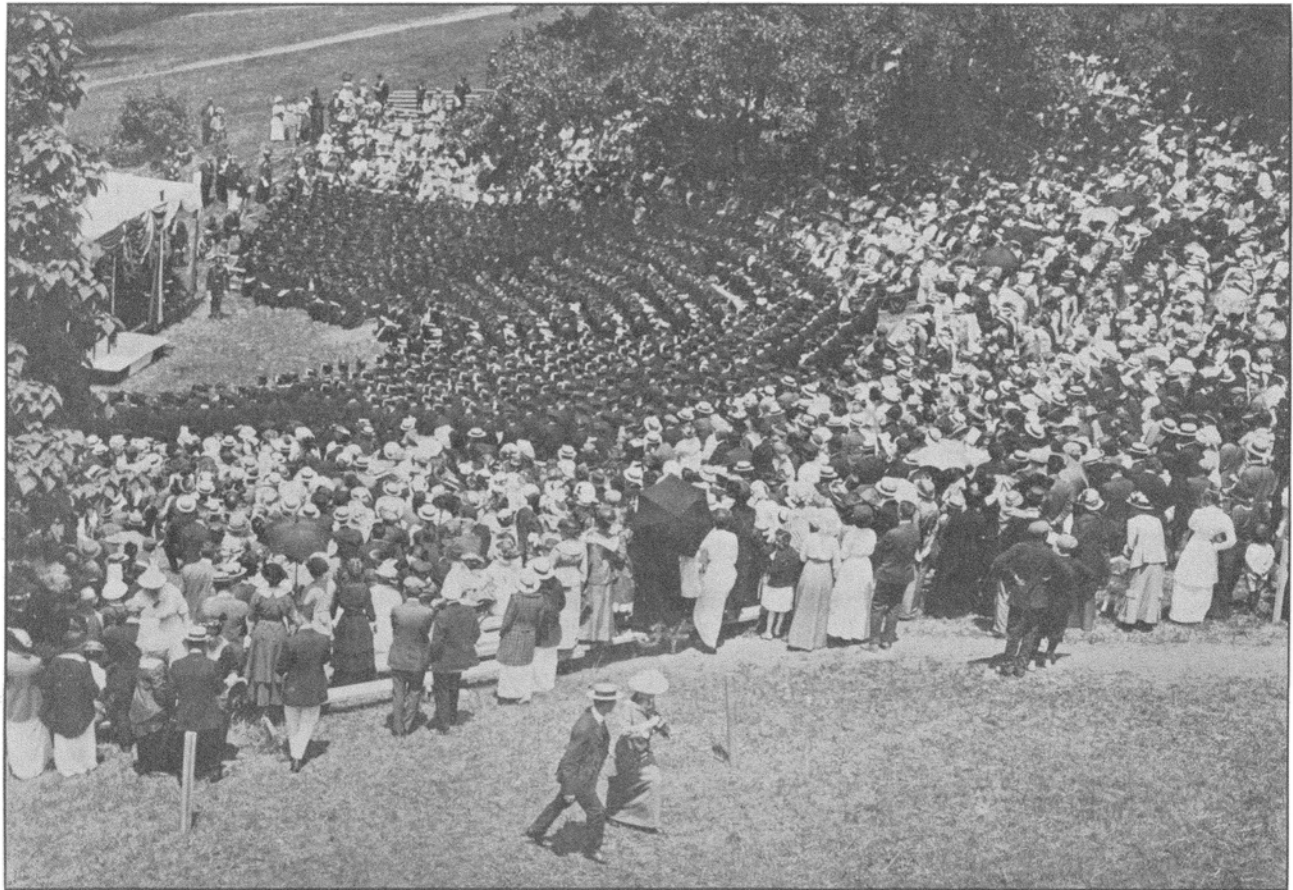
A PARTY of eight students of the department of geology left Ithaca under the leadership of Professor G. D. Harris on June 19 for a tour of exploration and study in the States of New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina. They are traveling in a cruising motor boat which was launched by Champaign Brothers on the Cayuga Inlet the afternoon before

the departure. The boat is named "Ecphora." The route is through Cayuga Lake, the Erie Canal, the Hudson River, and inland passages as far as the swamp region of northern North Carolina. The party will return to Ithaca late in August.

A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT was paid to Mr. Henry B. Lord of the Board of Trustees by the thousands of persons assembled on the slope for the Commencement exercises. Mr. Lord is ninety-three years old. Since he was injured by a fall a few years ago he has been obliged to walk with crutches. Just before the Commencement exercises were to begin, Mr. Lord alighted from his carriage near the entrance of the amphitheatre. The whole assembly rose and remained standing while he walked to a seat with the other members of the Board of Trustees on the rostrum. After he was seated there was a long round of applause.

THE MASQUE produced Shaw's "You Never Can Tell" at the Lyceum Theatre for the entertainment of the senior week guests. It would be unfair to subject the presentation to real dramatic criticism. The handicap under which The Masque presents plays containing several feminine rôles is too well known. The organization succeeded in amusing and entertaining a large audience.

THE MUSICAL CLUBS gave a very successful concert for the Senior Week guests. There were ten numbers on the program, and the audience demanded no less than fifteen encores. Bailey Hall, the large new auditorium, was almost filled. The most interesting number on the program was Sullivan's "The Lost Chord," given under the direction of Professor Dann by a picked body from the Mandolin Club and the Glee Club and by Mr. Quarles, playing the new organ. The effect of this combination was so pleasing that the entire number had to be played over again before the audience was satisfied. One of the selections played by the Mandolin Club was an arrangement entitled "Roman Serenade," by Director George L. Coleman.



*Photograph by H. C. Cable*

## The Forty-Sixth Commencement

CORNELL University conferred degrees upon its largest class at the Forty-sixth Annual Commencement, held on Wednesday morning, June 17. The exercises took place in the natural amphitheatre on the slope west of McGraw Hall, where the classes of 1912 and 1913 had also received their diplomas. Good weather, for the third time in as many years, made it possible to hold the exercises out of doors amid beautiful surroundings.

The members of the graduating class, the Faculty, and the Board of Trustees marched in procession around the quadrangle, past the north end of White Hall and down the slope to the amphitheatre, while the chimes were playing. The chief marshal was Lieutenant H. T. Bull, U.S.A. The class marshals were Otho Myron Clark and Charles Hays Matson.

The bachelor's degree was conferred upon 725 persons, and 87 advanced de-

grees were given. Twenty graduates of the Medical College had received the degree of M.D. a week earlier. During the year, in September and February, 103 first degrees and 21 advanced degrees had been granted. So the grand total of the class is 956.

In the following list are the numbers by colleges and the names of the marshals: Masters of Arts, 24; Masters of Science in Agriculture, 11; Master in Forestry, 1; Masters in Landscape Design, 2; Masters of Mechanical Engineering, 6; Masters of Civil Engineering, 3; Master of Architecture, 1; Doctors of Philosophy, 39; total of candidates for advanced degrees, 87, marshals R. W. Burgess, A.B., and H. R. J. Meyer, B.S., M.S., C.E.; 151 Bachelors of Arts, marshals T. B. Crews, jr., and L. G. Meads; 21 Bachelors of Chemistry; 44 Bachelors of Laws, marshal J. B. Putnam; 160 Bachelors of Science and 7 Bachelors of Science in Agri-

culture, marshals M. J. Barrios and L. J. Benson; 47 Doctors of Veterinary Medicine, marshal A. L. Smith; 13 Bachelors of Architecture, marshal A. K. Bell; 93 Civil Engineers, marshal P. J. Coffey and H. A. Mossman; 189 Mechanical Engineers, marshals G. C. Halsted, jr., and L. B. Timmerman. The women members of the class were marshaled by Miss R. V. Caswell and Miss Helen Moakley.

The degrees were conferred by President Schurman. Each group stood and was presented by the proper dean or head of department, and the president then conferred the degree upon the candidates of that group. The diplomas were given out afterward at the office of the Registrar. The Rev. Henry P. Horton, rector of St. John's Church, acted as chaplain of the Commencement exercises.

President Schurman addressed the



members of the graduating class as follows :

### Address of the President

When the members of this graduating class have grown somewhat older, when they begin to indulge in retrospect, when they recall with pride in alumni gatherings, always delightful and sometimes hilarious, the exploits of their undergraduate days, they are likely to signalize the year 1913-14 as an *annus mirabilis* for their Alma Mater. And if "student activities" be regarded apart from "studious activities" ( which, however, are the supreme end and object of the University) a good case can be made for the claim to preeminence on behalf of the year we are now just closing. It has certainly been a year of famous intercollegiate athletic victories—victories on land and sea and in all the major sports and games. And the graduates now before me are likely to remember these triumphs in contests with their friends in other universities long after they have forgotten the lessons they learned in the classroom and laboratory.

You will therefore not think it unnatural or inappropriate that on this culminating day of days the President of the University should have something to say of the congenial subject of athletics with which during the year your minds have so often been filled, your enthusiasm so deeply stirred, and your loyalty and pride so exultantly satisfied. Not indeed that I would presume to discuss the rules of the games or the best methods of training sportsmen. These are matters which seem to be thoroughly understood at Cornell : at least the year's record is a certificate of satisfactory proficiency! And for my own part I am willing in the future as in the past to leave them to our admirable Faculty, Alumni, and student management and to the unsurpassed Teachers whom that system has developed.

But I cannot look back upon the year's athletic victories and forward to your future without recalling, now as the one chapter is closing and the other is about to open, that the life on which you are so soon to enter is a race. The dearest ambition of every one of you is to achieve success. My exhortation to you is that which was given long ago by the Apostle Paul to his disciples at Corinth, who, you will recall, lived close beside the scene of the Isthmian Games : *So run, that ye may obtain.*

### Conditions of Success

In life as in games success depends on the fulfilment of prescribed conditions. The athlete must keep the body under, he must be temperate in all things, he must practice the activities of the art till they have become a second nature, he must be amenable to instruction and inexorable in self-discipline, he must be quick and ready and resourceful and self-reliant, he must learn to endure hardness—both to spurt and to stand a long and heavy strain, putting every ounce of his energy into his job, and in most cases he must combine individual initiative with the habit of co-operation so as to produce effective team-work, thus subordinating personal ambition to the common good. Some, perhaps all, of these qualities are the result of training, but there must be native endowments to begin with. And as people are variously endowed with natural gifts some make better athletes than others. "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?"

### Life as a Contest

Life too is a contest with its own set of rules and conditions. The great Master of life has prescribed its laws, which we mortals learn by experience. Education on the one hand furnishes those who enjoy it with a compendium of the experience of the race. And education on the other hand trains the faculties of the student for the performance of his work in life. What he has done at the University the student continues to do in new fields after he has graduated. Education is a gymnastic of the mind, as athletic training is a gymnastic of the body, and both are a school of preparation for practical life. True, the educated man may prove a failure in business or in a profession, but his want of success is in spite of his education, not in consequence of it. Some talents were requisite for achievement which the unsuccessful man did not possess; the training of the powers which he actually had saved him from a greater failure.

Thus athletic training leads us naturally to intellectual training, to moral training, and to the practical conduct of life. The rules are applied in different spheres and to different problems, but the conditions of successful achievement are substantially the same in all. Let us attempt to formulate the more important of them in terms of that prac-

tical life for which you have been preparing yourselves and to which you to-day go forth.

### Physical Fitness as a Condition of Success.

I place first physical fitness which is the object and the justification of all our games and sports. A sound body is nature's greatest boon to any human being. And nature is more generous with her bounty than young men and women are careful in safeguarding it. There has, however, been a wonderful awakening of interest in the subject during the last two or three decades. College athletics is the expression of that interest, and the importance of the object goes far to condone, if it does not justify, the abuses of intercollegiate athletics. We want a generation of strong, healthy, capable, and efficient young men and women. There is no goodlier sight in all the world. And the demands of the new age cannot be met by weaklings. I speak not of such extreme cases as the activities of the militant suffragettes! Yet the endowment of women with the suffrage, which is bound to come, will certainly make new demands upon their energies, as the opening up to them of new vocations has already done. And the vastness and complexity of modern business, the gigantic operations it performs, call for young men of unusual nerve and stamina and power of endurance. The managers of these titanic establishments insist upon physical fitness as a prime requisite in their employees. And following the example of the successful athletic coach—Mr. Courtney, for instance—they are coming to prescribe total abstinence from alcohol and tobacco as an essential condition of the highest physical vitality and efficiency.

### The Importance of Public Health

The public too are awakening to the importance of good health and physical vitality for all classes of our citizens. Much of the regulative legislation of our age has had for its object the safeguarding of the health of our industrial workers. The aim has been to make the factories in which they labor and the houses in which they and their families live sanitary and decent. In this just and righteous process of reform the property rights of individuals must yield to the police power of the State exercised in the protection of the health, safety, morals and welfare of the community. No talk about interference



THE 1914 ACADEMIC PROCESSION PASSING MCGRAW HALL

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with the property rights of individuals or corporations can or should stop this beneficent legislation for the physical and moral well-being of the community, and especially of the industrial classes whose good health and physical efficiency is their only working capital.

#### **Hard Work as a Second Condition of Success.**

After physical fitness I name as a second condition of success in life the habit of whole-souled application to the work you have undertaken. "Genius,"

says Carlyle, "is an infinite capacity of taking pains." You must give yourself unreservedly to your job. No man can serve two masters. Find your place in the great system of the world's workers, and go at your work with all your might.

Here again the analogy of physical and mental gymnastics is instructive. In both the secret of success is intense concentration and continuous application. Look at the youth of eighteen, who wants, as he almost tremblingly

says, to make the Varsity crew or team. What is the course of preparation? Why, if the experts think him a youth of athletic endowments and promise they set him to work. If, for example, he is a candidate for the crew, he must row either at a machine or in a boat day after day while his arms ache and his muscles are weary and his whole system seems on the verge of exhaustion and collapse. The object of the coach is to make the youth over again—to transform him from a landsman into a rowing automaton. And with hard discipline and long practice this result is at length achieved. In time the youth comes to think of the boat as a part of his personal equipment and the oar as another member of his bodily organism. Rowing becomes as natural and within certain limits as easy as any other bodily function. The youth finds himself in possession of a second nature, which hard work and training has created for him.

Or look again at the freshman who comes to the University with an eager thirst for knowledge and is fired with ambition to become a great scholar or a great scientist. Even in these days in which many young men "are sent" to college by ambitious parents, there are still large numbers who come to gratify their own inherent desire to know and understand the facts and laws of life and of the world in which they move and have their being. These young men are certain to distinguish themselves by their intellectual achievements. How do they win success? The answer is the same as in the athletic field. Knowledge too is won by devoted effort, by incessant application, by attention so intense and concentrated that the student in his best hours becomes unconscious of everything but the ideas with which he wrestles and the new truth he extracts from their shrinking and elusive play. A member of this Faculty, a neighbor of mine, for many years began these intense studies at four o'clock in the morning. That is the way in which he had worked from the day when forty-four years ago he entered this University as a freshman. Is it any wonder he has made himself the foremost American in his field of science? To-day he retires from the teaching staff to devote himself exclusively to research. You will all, I am sure, join me in the earnest wish that our University may long enjoy the

presence and share the renown of Professor John Henry Comstock!

In the practical life to which you now go you will find also that success is to be won only as the result of hard effort and unremitting toil. A "pull" may give a young man a start, but in this age of efficient organization it cannot secure him promotion or even permanently hold his place. Whether it is farming or engineering, law or medicine, business or finance, the demand is for young men of capacity, of knowledge, and of industry. You must work with all your might or you will not succeed. And in practical life, as in study or athletics, the law of habit gradually wakes a second nature of what you do at first with difficulty. Your energy may then be released for new directions. But energy will always be necessary. Neither through life, nor to Heaven, is one carried on flowery beds of ease.

The college graduate has one advantage over every other youth, if he has really acquired in his college course the great art of mental application and concentration. I have sometimes said that the love of good books is the supreme end of a college course. And I will not gainsay that to-day. But looking at the matter from another point of view it may with equal truth be said that the object of a college training is to teach us to use our mental powers. The man who can throw himself on an intellectual problem with all the powers of his mind, who can wrestle with it as a rower tugs at his oars, who can spurt or take a long and steady pull as the conditions of the problem may demand, the man in a word who has gained full control of all his faculties, has achieved the chief attainment which a college education can bestow. And that is why the extra-curriculum interests of the students can never be a substitute or equivalent for the mental training of the classroom. There is a vast difference between "student activities" and studious activities. And the advantages I am claiming for the college man can be claimed only for those who have given themselves up to studious activities.

#### **Education as a Third Condition of Success.**

I have spoken of physical fitness and of whole-souled application to one's appointed task as conditions of success alike in athletic contests, in intellectual pursuits, and in the practical affairs of

life. So far as an education fulfils the ideal of developing a well-trained body and mind it prepares youth directly for success in life. To that end, however, there is a third requirement, which a youth can secure nowhere else except at a college and especially at a university. I refer to the knowledge or science on which so many of the industries and vocations of the modern world are based. It has been the peculiar characteristic of Cornell University to prepare young men, and young women too, for the diversified pursuits and callings of the modern world. One after another of these vocations has found its way into our courses of instruction, and all of them meet demands which the age is properly making upon our universities. Emphasis and popularity shift with changing economic and intellectual conditions. One or two decades ago there was a rush to courses in engineering; to-day, all over the United States, agricultural colleges are becoming formidable rivals of engineering colleges. Meanwhile the older professions raise their standards and continue to attract a sufficiency of students to meet the demands of the public. Thus in friendly rivalry law and medicine, the fine arts and the practical arts, agriculture and commerce, manufacturing and transportation, all are domiciled in the modern University and all demand the aid of science for the successful prosecution of their tasks.

It is, I repeat, an enormous advantage which the youth enjoys who secures this professional, technical, or vocational training. He has something which his uneducated neighbor can never possess. And, in consequence of this advantage, the graduates of our universities are likely more and more as time goes on to become the leaders of the country's affairs and industries. But if they do, it will only be because they recognize the just limitations of the advantage I have described. Knowledge and science are of great importance in modern life, but a man may be learned or scientific and yet prove a failure in his vocation or business.

This brings me to a danger to which college graduates are especially exposed. Because they are conversant with the laws and principles underlying the pursuits and industries to which they devote themselves, they easily imagine that they have little or nothing else to learn. "They know it all!" Who has

not heard college graduates ridiculed for their conceit? We are often told that in consequence of it they are good for nothing for a year or two after graduation. And business men will tell you with gusto how they have clipped the wings of these high-soaring fledglings!

#### **Need of Practical Experience Also**

I think it was the great philosopher Spinoza who said that the two greatest banes of humanity were self-conceit and the laziness coming from self-conceit. We are all prone to think well of ourselves. And fresh college graduates, who have not been chastened and humbled in the struggle for life, and who have enjoyed for four years in academic seclusion the best things which the world can offer to any human being, may have an undue sense, not indeed of the opportunities that have come to them, but of the personal pre-eminence which they fondly believe has resulted from those opportunities. The lesson they have still to learn is that every profession, every calling, every business has its own method, its own procedure, its own body of practice; and that the college graduate is as ignorant of all that as the boy in the streets whose only education has been the three R's. He is as ignorant of it as the freshman is ignorant of mechanics or the beginner of rowing. And the same course of discipline is as necessary in the one case as in the other. The discipline of the athletic field and of the University you have undergone. Well, you have still to undergo the discipline of your vocation. And it is as essential in this sphere as in the others that you should manifest a teachable spirit and be constantly permeated with the sense of your own vast ignorance in the presence of the new world of practice which your vocation is opening up to you.

You are right in thinking your scholarship or sciences a real and important advantage even in the matter of making a livelihood. I repeat that in the modern world whose affairs are based so largely on scientific knowledge, it is an almost essential condition of success. But you must recognize its limitations and not expect it to take the place of other conditions. One of those other conditions is the practical discipline of your profession and business, and that is something to be acquired by the same method and in the same teachable spirit as you have seen exhibited in this University in the training of athletes or scholars.

You go to a new teacher in a new field, but you carry your old ignorance with you.

#### **The Social Conscience a Fourth Condition of Success.**

With the Greek games in mind the Apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthians, described life as a race or athletic contest. The games of the Greeks were mainly contests of individual against individual—running, wrestling, throwing the discus, etc. But modern athletics, like modern industry and modern life, have become socialized. In our major sports—in football, baseball, and rowing—it is not the individual but the crew or team, which forms the unit. The social spirit controls the individual's ambition and the individual's caprice. Every member of the crew or team is a member of an organization. And his first duty is to fill well the place which has been assigned to him in that organization. In the successful crew or team the consciousness and functions of the individual are merged in the activities of the group. Co-ordination and co-operation are the essential conditions of success.

The same law holds in the conduct of that practical life on which you are now about to enter. If, as I have said, physical fitness and intense application and knowledge and science are conditions of success in life, so I must now add as a fourth requirement the social conscience which makes a man a loyal, helpful, and trustworthy member of the community in which he lives and works.

Not indeed that the individual should abnegate his own free personality. For a man's own soul is the one thing of infinite worth in the world. But human beings are knit together in the bonds of society. And the whole fabric of the modern economic system is one of organization, co-ordination, and co-operation. It is, indeed, not so completely socialized as an athletic team or crew; and, in view of the different objects pursued, it is safe to predict that it never can be so completely socialized. Yet every thoughtful person who has followed the tendency of the times must recognize the truth of Tennyson's description:

The individual withers, and the world is more and more.

I repeat, the community does not yet regard itself as knit together like a crew or team. But it no longer feels itself a collection of struggling, jostling, and

mutually repellent atoms. It is gradually getting socialized. And the young man who would succeed in life must be one who recognizes his obligations to the community, who identifies his own interests with those obligations, and who may be depended on to work for the common good. Whether the community he serves be a State or a factory or a farm, it matters not: the important thing is not the size of the enterprise but the spirit of loyal service and devotion you put into it.

#### *Ladies and Gentlemen of the Graduating Classes:*

If what I have been saying is correct—and I think it is—I may draw a conclusion of great encouragement for every one of you. The life you are about to enter is indeed a race; but it is a race in which not merely one, but every one, may win the prize. For each of you is called on to serve the community; and if, like the members of the crew or team, you each play your part well, you will have won the only prize that is open to you. If the life of man were a mere struggle for each one to get his head above everybody else, then of course the only victor would be the financial magnate, the political potentate, or the gourmand or insatiate sensualist. But if life really means faithful service in and for the community—as religion and reflection agree in declaring—then all honest work, all loyal effort, brings its own reward:

Act well your part, there all the honor lies.

If life is a game, it is a rivalry in generous service to the community of which we are all members. College graduates because of their superior education should be able to render better service than others. The public have a right to expect it of us. My dearest hope, my most earnest prayer, for each and all of you is that you may rise to the height of your opportunities and win the noblest prize open to human beings—the crown of high character, of intellectual attainment, and of loyal service to your day and generation!

NINE LARGE TENTS are pitched in a grove on the agricultural campus for the members of the School for Leadership in Country Life. The school began its annual sessions this week. Early registration indicated an attendance of almost a hundred.

### **1914's Class Day**

#### **Orators Praise a Helpful Loyalty to the University**

The Class Day exercises of 1914 were held in the amphitheatre on the slope. The day was a little cold and windy, but in spite of that a large number of the seniors' friends met with them and enjoyed the exercises. The program was as follows:

Prayer.....The Rev. John A. MacIntosh  
Class Oration.....Bert Wilbor Hendrickson  
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Class History.....Harry Zelic Harris  
Class Prophecy.....Remington Rogers  
President's Address.....John James Munns  
Presentation of Class Pipe.....Thomas Bouldin Crews  
Reply for 1915.....Charles Manning Colyer  
Ivy Oration.....Carroll Nunn Whitman

Both Hendrickson, the class orator, and Henderson, the memorial orator, spoke of the debt the graduate owes to the University.

Hendrickson said: "When we become alumni let us remember not to to criticise unjustly. Remember that the success of Cornell's future depends upon the attitude of her alumni. Let us come back and say that what we see is even better than it was when we were here in the old days."

Henderson said: "Although a great deal of stress has been laid on the financial backing which the alumni must give the University, let us not forget for one minute the loyalty to all things Cornelian which each alumnus should owe to his Alma Mater. An alumnus should never criticise an act unless he has a firm foundation on which to base his opinion, for statements founded on ignorance and prejudice cannot be helpful."

PROFESSOR AND MRS. KARAPETOFF left Ithaca this week for Princeton, N. J., to attend the annual convention of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education. Professor Karapetoff has secured a position for the summer with the Pennsylvania Railroad, in connection with their electrification work. His summer address will be in care of Gibbs & Hill, Consulting Engineers, Pennsylvania Station, New York City.

PROFESSOR A. B. FAUST, who has been chairman of the department of German, has been designated by the Trustees as head of that department.



## A New Business Organization Adopted

**A** PLAN of reorganization of the University's business system was adopted by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting of the board on June 16. The plan provides for a redistribution of duties which heretofore have been performed by members of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer. Some of these functions are to be discharged by three salaried officers, a Comptroller, a Treasurer, and a Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. The two officers last named are to be subject to the Comptroller, who in turn will be directly responsible to committees of the board. The Comptroller will have charge of the business administration of the University. That office is a new one, as is the superintendency of buildings and grounds. The plan is in effect a division of the labor of the Treasurer's office. Corresponding to these three executive offices there are to be three standing committees of the board—committees respectively on General Administration, Finance, and Buildings and Grounds. Each of these committees is to be made up in large part of Trustees living outside of Ithaca, for the purpose of making possible a larger participation by such members in the administrative work and of reducing the burden which has fallen upon the shoulders of local Trustees.

### E. L. Williams Made Comptroller

To the Comptrollership of the University the board elected Mr. Emmons L. Williams, who has been Treasurer of the University since 1885. The offices of Treasurer and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds are yet to be filled.

### The New Committees

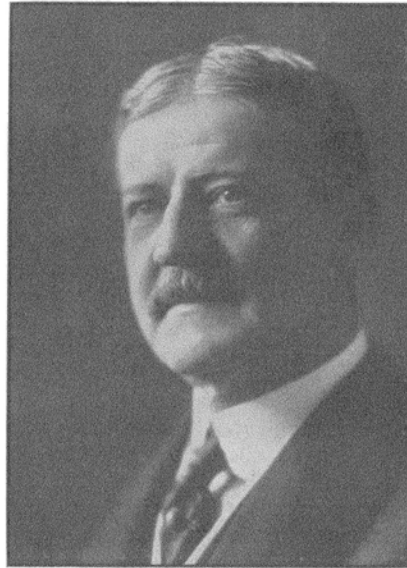
The following standing committees of the Board were elected:

General Administrative Committee: John H. Barr, New York; Frank H. Hiscock, Syracuse; Mynderse VanCleaf, Ithaca; Thomas B. Wilson, Hall; H. H. Westinghouse, New York; Charles E. Treman, Ithaca; Cuthbert W. Pound, Lockport, and *ex officio*, the President of the University, Andrew D. White, and Charles E. Cornell, and also the chairmen of the two following committees:

Finance Committee: Roger B. Williams, Ithaca; Ira A. Place, New York; Robert H. Treman, Ithaca; Henry R. Ickelheimer, New York; C. Sidney

Shepard, New Haven, N. Y.; and, *ex officio*, the President of the University.

Committee on Buildings and Grounds: James H. Edwards, Passaic, N. J.; John C. Westervelt, New York; George C.



EMMONS L. WILLIAMS, THE FIRST COMPTROLLER OF THE UNIVERSITY

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Boldt, New York; Henry W. Sackett, New York; Charles H. Blood, Ithaca; Jared T. Newman, Ithaca, and, *ex officio*, the President of the University.

### Meetings of Committees

Under the new plan it is intended that these committees shall meet as often as may be necessary, and not necessarily in Ithaca. The Committee on General Administration is to meet at fixed times, not less often than once a month. Its meetings will take the place of the meetings heretofore held by the Executive Committee, nominally held once a week, but in practice held irregularly according to the amount of University business demanding attention. Each of the three new committees is to elect its own chairman.

### Statutes to Be Revised

The foregoing changes were adopted on the recommendation of a special committee of the board which was appointed last October and which has been investigating the University's business administration and methods throughout the year. The committee was

composed of Mr. Edwards, chairman; and Messrs. VanCleaf, Hiscock, Boldt and Barr and the President and the Treasurer of the University. The committee was continued, to conclude its work by preparing a revision of the University statutes to meet these modifications, and finally to report at the next fall meeting of the board, when the new organization will go into effect.

### The Special Committee's Report

Following is the report of the Edwards committee:

"At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held October 18th, 1913, a resolution was adopted to appoint a Committee to inquire into the desirability of a general revision of the University's Business Organization and Methods, and, if after due examination the committee is in favor of such reorganization that it then prepare and present to the Board a definite plan for such revision in accordance with results of its investigation.

"The Committee appointed has been particularly impressed, as a result of its study of the situation, by the fact that the growth of the institution has greatly overloaded the executive machinery which adequately provided for the existing order of things at the time the present methods were adopted, and means have been sought to simplify the process of administration, and to readjust the business methods to present conditions and the larger scope of activities of the University as compared with the requirements at the time the existing methods were put in force.

"The resolution recommended by the Committee is based on two principles which are believed to be in accordance with modern business ideas. First: the transfer to and concentration upon salaried officials, selected for their qualifications for such duties, of many of the functions heretofore discharged by the Executive Committee. Second: the distribution of functions, which can not properly be so delegated to salaried officials, under separate committees, each composed of men presumably selected because of familiarity with its particular functions. The new method provides that the general business of the University, in so far as it can not be properly administered by salaried officials, is to be distributed among three Standing Committees—Committee on General Administration, Com-

mittee on Finances, and Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

"The scope of each of these Committees is intended to include one of the three rather distinct business activities of the University. Under this arrangement all financial matters would properly come under the Committee on Finance, all matters pertaining to the physical property of the University under the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, and all educational matters and such other general administrative duties not properly belonging under the jurisdiction of the other two standing committees, would be taken care of by the Committee on General Administration. To insure the desired co-operation and co-relation the Chairmen of the Committees on Finance and Buildings and Grounds are members *ex officio* of the Committee on General Administration. There are other University affairs, of semi-business nature, as for example matters pertaining to the Infirmary operation, residential halls, etc., but many of these may be entrusted to the Educational body, to designated members of the Faculty and Administrative Staff, or to joint trustee and faculty committee.

"The establishment of the Comptrollership, with the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, the Treasurer and the Auditor, responsible to the Comptroller, is expected to more efficiently utilize the wisdom and experience of the present Treasurer and to relieve him of some of the labor and detail which he has so faithfully borne though at a sacrifice to his health.

"It is believed that the entire plan as proposed will simplify the course of business by the distribution of it among the different Committees, and by increasing the discretionary powers of the administrative officers, particularly of the Comptroller.

"These steps tend to the concentration of authority upon those qualified to exercise it, their actions being subject to review by the Board of Trustees in whom the final authority legally rests. This organization is thought to provide adequate checks upon the judgment of the salaried officials, or smaller committees, without subjecting the business to undue circumlocution by successive consideration upon the part of administrative officers, sub-committees, Executive Committee, and, finally, the full Board.

"The Committee's recommendations are as follows :

"The Standing Committees of the Board of Trustees to be as follows : Committee on General Administration, Committee on Finance, Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

*"Committee on General Administration :*

"The Committee on General Administration shall be constituted of the President of the University, *ex officio*, the Honorable Andrew D. White (whose respective terms as members of said committee shall continue until the expiration of their then respective terms as Trustees), Charles E. Cornell, and seven members to be elected by the Board, also the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and the Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds. This Committee may between meetings of the Board exercise all the powers of the Board of Trustees, not inconsistent with the Acts and Resolutions of the Board itself, and in so far as they do not affect the fixed duties of the other standing committees of the Board, and it shall report to the full Board of Trustees. This Committee shall meet at fixed times—at least once a month during the University year.

*"Committee on Finance :*

"The Committee on Finance shall be constituted of five members to be elected by the Board, whose respective terms as members of said committee shall continue until the expiration of their then respective terms as Trustees. The President of the University shall be a member *ex officio* of this Committee. The Committee on Finance shall have full power and authority to administer all the funds of the University, including investment thereof, and shall make up the annual budget for submission to and final action by the full Board of Trustees.

*"Committee on Buildings and Grounds :*

"The Committee on Buildings and Grounds shall be constituted of six members to be elected by the Board, whose respective terms as members of said committee shall continue until the expiration of their then respective terms as Trustees. The President of the University shall be a member *ex officio* of this Committee. This Committee shall have general charge and oversight of the buildings and grounds of the University, including recommendations for the location of buildings, new construc-

tion, improvements, alterations and repairs, except that no such matters, aside from recommendations as aforesaid, not included within and provided for by the budget, shall be undertaken by said Committee, except after report to and authority conferred by the full Board, or by the Committee on General Administration within the powers conferred on it when so requested by the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

*"Comptroller :*

"A new office shall be created called the Comptrollership. Subject to the authority of the Board of Trustees the Comptroller shall have charge of the business administration of the University. This officer shall be directly responsible to the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, the Committee on General Administration and the President of the University in respect to such matters as are entrusted to the jurisdiction of said Committee and the President respectively.

*"Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds :*

"A new office of Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds shall be created and the person holding this office subject to the Comptroller shall have direct charge of all the physical property of the University (exclusive of educational equipment and apparatus), such as buildings, power, heat and water supply apparatus, and real estate, repairs and improvements on existing property and care and upkeep of the buildings and grounds. When directed by the Comptroller this officer shall prepare preliminary plans for new construction.

"The organization recommended above it is hoped will offer the advantage of making possible a larger participation of the members of the Board who do not live in the immediate vicinity of the seat of the University. Formerly the only provision for transacting the bulk of University business between meetings of the Board has been to put the entire burden on the shoulders of the loyal and patient members of the Executive Committee, composed of local members of the Board. These local members have carried the burdens of the business and educational administration with untiring zeal, and to the great advantage of the University. The Committee after a thorough consideration of the work done by the Executive Committee

in the past, appreciates how well it has been done under many trying conditions and at a great personal sacrifice. The new organization as proposed offers a plan by which it is believed the University may still avail itself of the invaluable services and intimate knowledge of its affairs acquired through years of devotion by members of the Board who reside in Ithaca.

"This plan also presents a practicable means of dividing the burden and of securing a measure of real participation on the part of men who under the former organization could do little more than occasionally review the actions taken by the Executive Committee and administrative officers.

"This Committee hereby recommends the adoption of the modifications as herein outlined, that the members of the three standing committees and the Comptroller be chosen at this meeting of the Board, and that this Committee be continued to conclude the work by preparing a revision of the University Statutes to meet these modifications, and finally report at the next Fall meeting of the Board, when the new organization shall go into effect."

#### MR. BOLDT CONGRATULATED

At the meeting of the Trustees Mr. George C. Boldt reported from the Committee on Residential Halls the gift of \$100,000 from an anonymous benefactor for beginning a system of dormitories for men students of the University. The gift was accepted with the thanks of the University to the generous donor, and the matter of the construction of the building was referred to the newly elected Committee on Buildings and Grounds for execution.

The board then adopted the following minute :

"Upon the occasion of the actual initiation of its long contemplated dormitory system for its men students, the Board of Trustees of Cornell University feels it especially fitting to express its great appreciation of the untiring efforts of Trustee George C. Boldt to secure for the University such a dormitory system as will meet what has clearly become one of the University's most pressing needs. This effort on his part is typical of his unremitting endeavors to serve the University in all its problems."

#### New Faculty Appointments Professors of Forestry and Plant Breeding Named—Promotions

The Trustees at their June meeting made several appointments in the Faculty.

##### Professor Mulford's Successor

Ralph Sheldon Hosmer was appointed professor of forestry in the College of Agriculture to succeed Walter Mulford '99, who has resigned to become head of the new department of forestry in the University of California. Professor Hosmer was born at Deerfield, Mass., and was educated at the Bussey Institution and the Lawrence Scientific School of Harvard University, receiving the degree of B.S.A. from Harvard in 1894. After graduation he spent some time as assistant in the Division of Soils, U. S. Department of Agriculture, later entering the U. S. Bureau of Forestry. In 1903 he was appointed chief of the section of forest replacement. While in the Bureau of Forestry he took a furlough in order to study in the Yale Forest School, from which he received the degree of Master of Forestry in 1902. Since December, 1903, he has been Superintendent of Forestry in the Territory of Hawaii, where he has done much to develop the forestry of the territory. For some years he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the College of Hawaii and has been closely identified with educational work. During his forestry work in the national department he did considerable practical work in the eastern United States. Professor Hosmer is a member of the Society of American Foresters and other scientific organizations.

##### New Head of Plant Breeding

Rollins Adams Emerson was appointed professor of plant breeding and head of the department in place of Dr. Webber, who resigned a year ago. Professor Emerson was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., and graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1897. From April, 1897, to December, 1898, he held the position of horticulturist in the Office of Experiment Stations. In April, 1899, he was appointed assistant professor of horticulture and horticulturist at the experiment station in the University of Nebraska, later being appointed to a full professorship, which he now holds. Professor Emerson has given special attention to plant breeding. He is a member of the Nebraska Academy of Science, Nebraska State Horticultural Society,

Nebraska Forest and Park Association, American Breeders' Association, Society for Horticultural Science, and American Pomological Society.

##### Assistant Professors Promoted

Assistant professors in the New York State College of Agriculture were promoted to the grade of professors, as follows :

Oskar Augustus Johannsen, B.S., A.M., Ph.D., professor of entomology.

Mortier Franklin Barrus, B.A., professor in extension work in plant pathology.

William Charles Baker, B.S.A., professor of drawing.

Lewis Josephus Cross, A.B., professor of agricultural chemistry.

##### Dr. Johannsen's Appointment

Dr. Johannsen's promotion to a professorship in entomology is an unusual kind of event because he was for ten years instructor and assistant professor in civil engineering. He was well on in a successful career as an engineer when he gave that up to devote himself to his favorite study, in which he now has won a worldwide reputation. He was born at Davenport, Iowa, May 14, 1870. He graduated at the University of Illinois, B.S., 1894. For the next five years he worked as draftsman and as engineer in structural iron works. In 1899 he came to Cornell as instructor in civil engineering and taught that science here for ten years, being an assistant professor of civil engineering from 1904 till 1909. During those years he was a student of the biology of water supply and of entomology. In 1902 he received the degree of Master of Arts, writing his thesis "On Aquatic Diptera." Continuing his studies in entomology and bacteriology, he took the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1904, writing a thesis on "The Chironomidae." In 1909 he made a definite change in his occupation and accepted the professorship of entomology in the University of Maine, at Orono. He stayed there till 1912, when he came back to Cornell as assistant professor of entomology. As an authority on the diptera he is known in Europe as well as in this country. In Germany a great work on insects is being published and Dr. Johannsen was invited to write for it on the diptera.

THE FUERTES MEDAL for Undergraduates has been awarded to Louis Isaac Zagoren, C.E. '14, of Brooklyn.



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THIS is the last weekly number of the NEWS for the college year. Two more numbers will be published, one in July and one in August, to complete the volume. The August number will be followed by an index of the volume, a copy of which will be sent to any reader free upon request.

WITH REGARD to the use of the Alumni Fund, the Board of Trustees has adopted a temporary plan which may turn out in the end to be a wise method for permanent adoption. The plan provides in effect that this year's instalment of \$20,000 shall not be appropriated immediately to the permanent endowment of the University, as was done with last year's contribution, but shall be held until the fall meeting of the

board, and may be drawn upon in the meantime to meet any pressing need of the University if an occasion for such use should arise. There are some contributors to the fund who would like to feel that their gifts were being used for current university needs. There are others who believe that it is wiser to convert the Alumni Fund into a permanent addition to the endowment. The plan which the Trustees have adopted as a compromise may satisfy both classes of contributor. It might be a good idea every year to hold the Alumni Fund of that year for twelve months as a reserve for immediate needs, and then to convert the instalment, or as much as may be left of it, to permanent endowment. If that were done there would always be in the hands of the Treasurer a reserve fund which could be drawn upon for increasing a professor's salary in an emergency or to accomplish some other worthy purpose requiring appropriation outside the University budget.

THE APPOINTMENT of Mr. Emmons L. Williams as Comptroller of the University receives the hearty approval of everybody who knows of his devotion to the University and of the high character of the services which he has rendered during the last thirty-five years. Mr. Williams has been the chief sufferer under the strain caused by the growth of the University's business beyond the capacity of its business organization. He bore his increasing duties as Treasurer until he was threatened with a breakdown of health. His appointment as Comptroller will enable the University to retain his invaluable wisdom in investment and management. The creation of the separate offices of Treasurer and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds will relieve Mr. Williams of some of the burden which had become so heavy.

THE SUGGESTION has been made that the NEWS tell just how the class of '99 originated the very successful entertainment which it gave at the Star Theatre for the alumni and seniors during the reunion. That function is likely to become a regular thing. The story of its genesis should be told now for the information of the future. It happened this way: Professor C. V. P. Young, of the class of '99, conceived the idea of entertaining his class with an exhibition of moving pictures of recent Cornell events, an exhibition which had been

given with success in the Armory on Spring Day. He consulted Dr. F. B. Howe, one of the proprietors of the Star Theatre, as to the possibility of showing those pictures at the class reunion dinner. Dr. Howe doubted if that could be done, but said there would be no difficulty about showing them at the theatre if a convenient hour could be arranged. Now enters Professor C. L. Durham, also of the class of '99, whom Professor Young consulted. The result of their consultation was the decision to give the exhibition late Saturday night not only for the class of '99 but for all the alumni and all the members of the graduating class as well. They also planned the rest of the program, the songs, the speeches, and the other stunts. Neither Young nor Durham will accept the entire credit for the idea of throwing open the house. Perhaps they may be allowed to share it. It was a happy idea.

#### THE CLASS SECRETARIES

The annual meeting of the Cornell Association of Class Secretaries was held in Goldwin Smith Hall on June 13.

It was resolved that such classes as desired to do so might elect secretaries for the women of the classes, such secretaries to have full membership in the association. On the motion of C. J. Swan, it was resolved that Dr. Mary M. Crawford should be the secretary for the women of the class of 1904.

A letter was received from George F. Pond in relation to the secretaryship of the class of 1910. On motion that office was declared vacant, and G. Ervin Kent was appointed to act as secretary till the office could be filled in the regular way at the class reunion in 1915.

A letter was received from Professor E. L. Nichols, who said that he was filling a vacancy in the office of secretary of the class of 1875 and would like to be relieved of the duty. On motion, Henry W. Sackett was appointed to act as secretary till the next reunion of the class.

On motion, the annual membership dues of the association were increased from \$2 to \$5.

The report of the treasurer, R. E. Treman '09, was received and approved. It was resolved that the report, including a list of the classes delinquent and the amount of each delinquency, should be published in the CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS.



Power was given the executive committee to fix the time of the midyear meeting in New York.

A reunion committee was created consisting of the vice-president of the association and the secretary of each class holding a reunion in any year.

A motion to refer the matter of adjusting membership dues in the association in accordance with the size of the class was referred to a special committee consisting of C. S. Northup, W. O. Kerr, and Edwin Gillette, to report at the next meeting.

The publication committee was authorized to have 5,000 song books printed.

Officers were elected for the year, as follows: President, C. S. Northup '93; vice-president, E. E. Bogart '94; secretary, Willard Austen '91; treasurer, R. E. Treman '09; executive committee, W. W. Rowlee '88, George H. Young '00, and H. J. Richardson '05.

The treasurer's report follows:

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand June 13, 1913	\$235.48	
Receipts from dues	110.00	\$345.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Jesse Fuller, jr., use of tents May, 1908	\$ 40.00	
Bool Floral Company, flowers for E. Gillette	3.00	
Dr. H. P. de Forest, printing Class Secretaries' Book	10.00	
Cayuga Press, printing minutes of meeting	15.00	
Dr. de Forest, printing, stationery, etc.	23.24	
Secretary Austen, stamps	2.00	
Andrus & Church, printing	9.81	
Dr. de Forest, printing	72.25	
Andrus & Church, printing	5.50	
Secretary Austen, stamps and envelopes	3.15	
Hunter Collins Co., stationery for secretary	10.70	194.65

Cash balance	150.83
Receipts since meeting	24.00

Cash on hand June 22, 1914 \$174.83

LEDGER BALANCE

Medical College	\$ 16.00	
Class of 1869	2.00	
1870	14.00	
1872	2.00	
1875	18.00	
1876	20.00	
1879	10.00	
1880	8.00	
1886	6.00	
1888	2.00	
1889	2.00	
1892	4.00	
1898	26.25	
1899	2.00	
1901	6.00	
1902	2.00	
1907	6.00	
1910	15.50	161.75
		\$336.58

THE UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA announces the election of H. W. Thorne of Peekskill as assistant manager for the year 1914-15.

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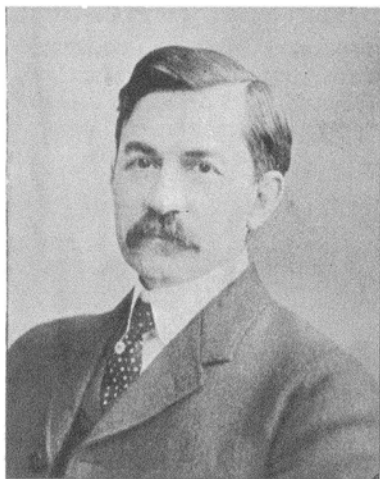
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### Three New Prizes of \$100

Offered by Mr. J. G. White for Proficiency in Spanish

At the meeting of the Trustees on June 16 the President reported that Mr. J. G. White, Ph.D. '85, had offered to give a fund to establish three prizes of \$100 each for proficiency in the Spanish language and literature. The



J. G. WHITE

*From a Photograph taken about 1906*

offer was accepted, and the Trustees voted an expression of the University's gratitude for the generous gift.

As the president of an engineering and construction company whose operations have extended to various parts of the world, including the Latin-American countries, Mr. White has had opportunity to observe how serviceable to a North American a knowledge of Spanish may be. The J. G. White Corporations employ many university graduates. It may be surmised that Mr. White's experience in selecting men for some important posts has suggested to him that some college students might well give the study of Spanish a larger value than they do when they lay out their courses of study.

This University offers several courses in the Spanish language and literature. There is a three-hour elementary course in grammar, composition and translation running through the year. That a good many students take this course is indicated by the fact that for the year 1914-15 the class will be divided into three sections. Then there is a three-hour course of one year in rapid reading of modern Spanish writers.

Two-hour courses in the Spanish drama and the Spanish novel are given in alternate years. In addition to these a course, intended primarily for graduate students, is given in Old Spanish.

### President White Was Ill

But He Heard the Seniors Sing on the Evening of Commencement Day

Ex-President White was ill during Commencement Week. The illness was not serious, but he thought it wise to stay in bed and rest. So he did not attend the meeting of the Trustees or any of the social events of the week.

His illness gave occasion for a tribute of respect which was paid him by the class of 1914. After the senior singing on Wednesday evening, Commencement Day, the several hundred new graduates who had taken part in the singing went to President White's house and sang for him. The plan was a spontaneous one. After the singing at Goldwin Smith Hall was over, the whole body of seniors simply flocked up to the Old President's House, and most of their audience went with them. They stood on the lawn east of the house and sang several songs, including "Cornell," "Fight for Cornell," and the "Evening Song."

Mr. White was in bed when the singing began, but he got up and was wrapped in blankets and sat by an open window. He made a short speech of thanks to the boys, saying that in the last forty-five years he had never received a tribute which pleased him more than this. Mr. George C. Boldt thanked the seniors in behalf of all Mr. White's friends for their action.

Mr. White left the house on Saturday to attend a recital given especially for him by Mr. Quarles, the University organist, on the new organ in Bailey Hall. The organ had been used for the first time on Baccalaureate Sunday and Mr. White was impatient to hear it.

THE SENIOR BALL this year was a large affair, about 600 couples being present, according to the estimate made by the committee. The music was furnished by Conway's Band.

ALFRED T. HOBSON '15, of Flushing, Ohio, has been elected president of the Musical Clubs for next year. He is a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity and of Quill and Dagger.

### Use of the Alumni Fund

Trustees Will Wait till Fall Before Deciding the Question

At the meeting of the Trustees on June 16, Mr. Place, who is president of the Cornellian Council, reported that the Council had voted to turn over to the University \$20,000 from the Alumni Fund. This is the second instalment from the Fund, \$20,000 having been appropriated last year. That first \$20,000 was added by the Trustees to the permanent endowment of the University.

After some discussion upon two conflicting motions for the disposition of the 1914 instalment, the Trustees laid both motions upon the table till the fall meeting of the board. They agreed that in the mean time, if any pressing need should arise, the fund might be drawn upon for current expenses of the University. It is possible that at the fall meeting this arrangement will be continued, the fund to remain liquid during the college year as a reserve, and so much of it as may remain at the end of the year to be appropriated to the permanent endowment.

The Cornellian Council had not made any recommendation to the Trustees as to the disposition of this instalment of the Fund. The executive committee of the Council had reported a recommendation that the money be appropriated to endowment. But the Council did not approve the suggestion, and at the same time it voted down suggestions that all the money be used and that half the money be used for current expenses. It finally passed a motion to turn the fund over to the Trustees without recommendation.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION of the women's fraternity of Alpha Phi is being held in Ithaca this week. About 200 delegates from different universities and colleges were expected to be present. The headquarters are at Risley Hall, which has been given up for the week to the uses of the convention.

THE FUERTES MEDAL for Graduates this year was awarded to Weston Earle Fuller, C.E. '00, of Hazen & Whipple, construction engineers, New York.

A SABBATIC LEAVE of absence for the academic year 1914-15 has been granted to Professor G. S. Macomber of the department of electrical engineering.

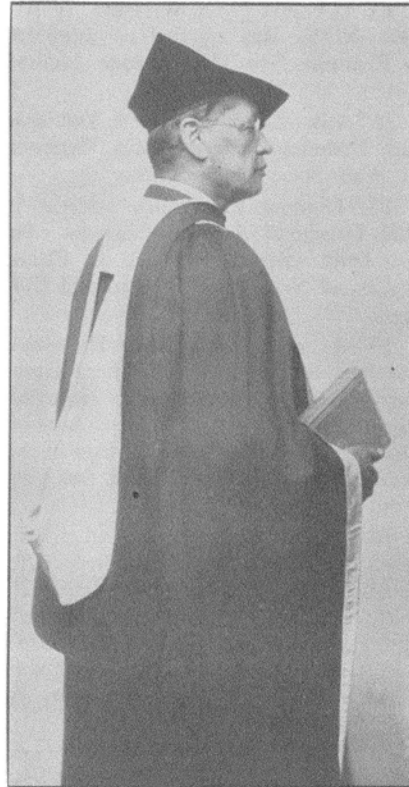
## John R. S. Sterrett

A brief notice of the death of Dr. John Robert Sitlington Sterrett on June 15 was contained in last week's issue of the NEWS. Dr. Sterrett had been professor of Greek and head of the department at Cornell since 1901.

He was born at Rockbridge Baths, Va., March 5, 1851, the son of Robert Dunlap and Nancy (Sitlington) Sterrett. He was educated at the Universities of Virginia, Berlin, Leipzig, Athens, and Munich, and received the degree of Ph.D. from the University of Munich in 1880 and the honorary degree of LL.D. from Aberdeen in 1902. He taught Greek successively at Miami University (1886), the University of Texas (1888-92) and Amherst College (1892-1901). He was the successor at Cornell of Professor Benjamin Ide Wheeler. In 1896-7 he was professor at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens.

Dr. Sterrett made valuable contributions to archaeology. He led several expeditions to Asia Minor for the purpose of discovering and studying relics of the ancient civilizations, especially the Hittite. His work in that field began in 1883, when he was a student at the American School just opened in Athens under the direction of Professor Goodwin of Harvard. In 1881-2 the Archaeological Institute of America had thoroughly explored and excavated the ancient city of Assos. Dr. Sterrett was appointed by Charles Eliot Norton, the president of the Institute, to edit and publish the inscriptions which had been unearthed there. He worked at Assos during the spring of 1883. In the summer of that year he was the associate of W. M. Ramsay in an archaeological and topographical survey of Phrygia. During the next three years he took part in various expeditions in Asia Minor the results of which were published among the papers of the American School at Athens. For years after his return to this country Dr. Sterrett made successive explorations in Asia Minor. So high an authority did he become on the ancient topography that Professor Mommsen, in writing his work on "The Provinces of the Roman Empire," based his descriptions of the limits of Roman dominion in Asia chiefly upon discoveries made by Dr. Sterrett. The latest of these expeditions was The Cornell Expedition to Asia Minor and the Assyro-Babylonian Orient, organized by Dr. Sterrett and carried out in 1907 by three

Cornell men, Olmstead, Charles, and Wrench. They visited every monument bearing Hittite inscriptions that they could learn of and discovered some new ones. The results are now in course of



J. R. S. STERRETT (1851-1914)

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publication under the title "Travels and Studies in the Nearer East." The expedition furnished material also for Dr. Sterrett's "Hittite Inscriptions," published in 1911.

Other books by him were "Qua in re Hymni Homerici quinque majores inter se differant" (his dissertation for the doctor's degree); "Inscriptions of Sebaste;" "Inscriptions of Assos," 1885; "Inscriptions of Tralles," 1885; "Epigraphical Journey in Asia Minor," 1888; "Wolfe Expedition to Asia Minor," 1888; "Leaflets from the Notebook of a Traveling Archaeologist," 1889; "The Torch-Race," 1902; "The Iliad of Homer," 1907, and "A Call of Contemporary Society for Research in Asia Minor and Syria," 1911.

Dr. Sterrett was a member of the board of managers of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens,

associate editor of the *American Journal of Archaeology*, joint editor of *Cornell Classical Studies*, a member of the American Philological Association and the American Philosophical Society, and a corresponding member of the Imperial German Archaeological Institute.

He was married in 1892 to Josephine Moseley Quarrier of Charleston, W. Va., who survives him, with four daughters, Daphne, Anassa, Marika, and Phoebe.

Dr. Sterrett's body was taken to his old home in Virginia for burial.

## THE ASSOCIATE ALUMNI

An error was made in the last issue of the NEWS in the statement that the Associate Alumni referred to a committee the proposed amendments to the by-laws. Following is a correct statement of the action taken:

At the annual meeting of the Associate Alumni of Cornell University, held in Goldwin Smith Hall on Saturday morning, June 13, two sets of amendments of the by-laws were proposed with the avowed purpose of giving local alumni clubs and associations a more direct participation in the affairs of the general association. One of these series was proposed by the Cornell Club of Rochester and the other by President Lewis in behalf of the board of directors of the Associate Alumni. Action on them was deferred to an adjourned meeting of the Associate Alumni, to be held not later than November 15, 1914, on the call of the president of the association. A committee was appointed to make a study of the proposed amendments in their relation to the charter of the association and to report at the adjourned meeting. This committee consists of Roger Lewis '95, of New York, the president of the association; J. H. Agate '03, of Rochester; Dr. H. D. Schenck '82, of Brooklyn. F. W. Scheidenhelm '05, of Pittsburgh; Ezra B. Whitman '01, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Willard Beahan '78, of Cleveland.

## WOMEN'S CLUB OF CLEVELAND

The Cornell Women's Club of Cleveland has elected the following officers for 1914-15: President, Mrs. V. E. Thebaud, 1351 East 116th Street; vice-president, Dr. Helen Hempstead, Euclid Avenue and East Tenth Street; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Willard Beahan, 2213 Bellfield Avenue.

A FULL ACCOUNT of the Hudson river regatta will be given in the July number.

## ALUMNI NOTES

'89—William Fairchild Dean is with the Canadian General Electric Company. His home address is 56 Triller Avenue, Toronto, Canada.

'93, A.B.—Dr. Walter W. Hyde, of the department of Greek of the University of Pennsylvania, sailed from New York for Europe on the steamship New York on June 19.

'95—Max L. Blum is interested in Blum's Commercial Map Publishing Company, 216-220 West Eighteenth Street, New York.

'97, C.E.—Lee Highley is chief engineer of the Pacific & Idaho Northern Railway, with headquarters at New Meadows, Idaho.

'98, M.E.—John H. Wynne is now the manager of the Montreal Locomotive Works, Ltd. His address is Suite 703, Dominion Express Building, Montreal, Canada.

'98, LL.B.—Charles H. Mayer of St. Joseph, Missouri, is state circuit judge for Buchanan County.

'04, B.Arch.—Ernest V. Price has severed his connection with the Sterling-Stone Company, Spokane, Washington, and has entered an architectural partnership with Harold C. Whitehouse (special in architecture, 1913). The firm will be known as Whitehouse & Price, and will have offices at 608 Hutton Building, Spokane.

'04, A.B.; '05, A.M.—Dr. Ralph Edward Sheldon, associate professor of anatomy, for the last three years in charge of the department, has been made professor of anatomy and head of the department in the School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh.

'07, C.E.—G. A. Stanton has changed his address from Seattle to Fairbanks, Alaska, in care of Survey Party No. 9.

'08, B.S.A.—Joseph Davis is farm manager and steward of the Mohansic State Hospital at Yorktown, N. Y.

'09, M.E.—Frederick Avery is in the engineering department of the Consolidated Car Heating Company, Albany, N. Y.

'09, C.E.—Hart Cummin has just returned to the New York office of the

J. G. White Engineering Corporation, having spent about four months on a survey for a water power proposition on the Winnipeg River in Canada, about seventy-five miles northeast of the city of Winnipeg.

'10, D.V.M.—Lynn W. Ham, of Arcade, N. Y., was married on June 16, in Rochester, to Miss Maude Melissa Keyes.

'10, A.B.—Gordon Bennett Dukes is with Hodenpyl, Hardy & Co., bankers, 14 Wall Street, New York.

'10—Thomas R. Rollo's address is 1431 Greenleaf Avenue, Chicago. He is a bond salesman with A. E. Fitkin & Co., of New York, Boston, and Chicago.

'10—A son, Joseph Fish Haseman, was born on June 12 to Leonard Haseman (Ph.D. '10) and Mrs. Haseman (Elosia B. Fish, A.B. '10), of Columbia, Mo. Dr. Haseman is at the head of the department of entomology of the University of Missouri.

'10, M.E.—Miron S. Canaday was married to Miss Ruby Mildred Tift, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Tift, of Ithaca, on June 20. The wedding ceremony took place at the bride's home, 618 Stewart Avenue. Canaday is with Libby, McNeill & Libby in Chicago.

'11, M.E.—Alfred Smith Meldrum was married on June 20 to Miss Elizabeth Bowen Hulburt, daughter of Mrs. Sidney May Hulburt, of Franklin, Pa. The wedding ceremony took place in St. John's Episcopal Church at Franklin. The best man was Frederick H. Bird '11, of Alliance, Ohio, and among the ushers were Walter M. Garrigues '11, of Sharon, and Frederick H. Mc-

Clintock '13, of Franklin. The bride is a graduate of Miss Fuller's School at Ossining-on-the-Hudson. Meldrum is with the American Steel Foundries at Franklin.

'11, M.E.—Clayton S. Coggeshall was married on June 20 to Miss Julia Irene O'Neill, daughter of Mrs. Katharine V. O'Neill, of Schenectady, N. Y. After August 1st his address will be 1373 Union Street, Schenectady. He is with the General Electric Company.

'11, M.E.—William K. Sowdon is with the Shipley Construction & Supply Company, 66 Warren Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'11, M.E.—Charles A. Rohr is an industrial engineer with the General Electric Company, 30 Church Street, New York.

'11, M.E.—Seymour H. Sutton is connected with the Cedar Rapids Manufacturing & Power Company, which is constructing a 160,000-HP plant on the St. Lawrence near Montreal. His address is Box 67, Cedars, P. Q., Canada.

'11, M.E.; '13, B.S.—Mrs. James N. Haswell announces the marriage of her daughter, Sarah Genet Haswell '13, to Herbert B. Reynolds '11, in Sage Chapel, June 22, 1914. Dr. John A. MacIntosh, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, performed the ceremony. Miss Ruth A. Bierce of Ithaca was maid of honor and John R. Haswell, C.E. '09, of Easton, Md., was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds are Baltimoreans. They will live at 61 West Seventy-first Street, New York.

'12, A.B.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of David E. Snyder to Miss Frances Kilbourne of Ithaca. Snyder graduated from the

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Columbia Law School this month, and expects to practice in the office of his father at Herkimer, N. Y. Miss Kilbourne is a graduate of Cornell with the degree of B.S., in the class of 1914.

'12, C.E.—Antonio S. Burés was married on April 12, 1914, to Luisa Ramirez de Arellano. His address is Calle Post No. 17, Adjuntas, Porto Rico.

'12, B.Arch.—Herbert Nathan Putnam was married to Miss Pauline Howe, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John B. Howe, of Ithaca, on June 18. The ceremony took place at the First Congregational Church. The best man was John B. Putnam '14, and among the ushers were Walter A. Bridgeman '13 and C. L. Speiden '15. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam will make their home in Cleveland, Ohio.

'12, C.E.—Carl Crandall, instructor in civil engineering, will be employed during the summer at Monroe Bridge, Mass., as an engineer with the Power Construction Company, which is building a power plant on the Deerfield River, near the Massachusetts-Vermont border.

'12, M.E.—G. W. Zink has recently undergone an operation for appendicitis. After his recovery he expects to be with the Electric Cable Company of Bridgeport, Conn., having left the Strathmore Paper Company of Mittineague, Mass.

'12, M.E.—A son, Leonard Franklin Fuller, jr., was born on May 8 to Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Fuller, 411 Kipling Street, Palo Alto, California.

'13, LL.B.—Hugo Zeller was married to Miss Sylvia Louise Morris, daughter of Mrs. Bertha Elizabeth Morris, in New York City, on June 19.

'13, C.E.—Clinton S. Hunt's address is changed to Camp 3, Preston, Idaho.

### DONOVAN BASEBALL CAPTAIN

Joseph Raymond Donovan, of Richmond Hill, N. Y., has been elected captain of the university baseball team for next year. He is a member of the class of 1915 in the College of Arts and Sciences. He has played second base on the team for two years and is a good fielder and batter. He is a member of Adelpheos, Aleph Samach, and Quill and Dagger.

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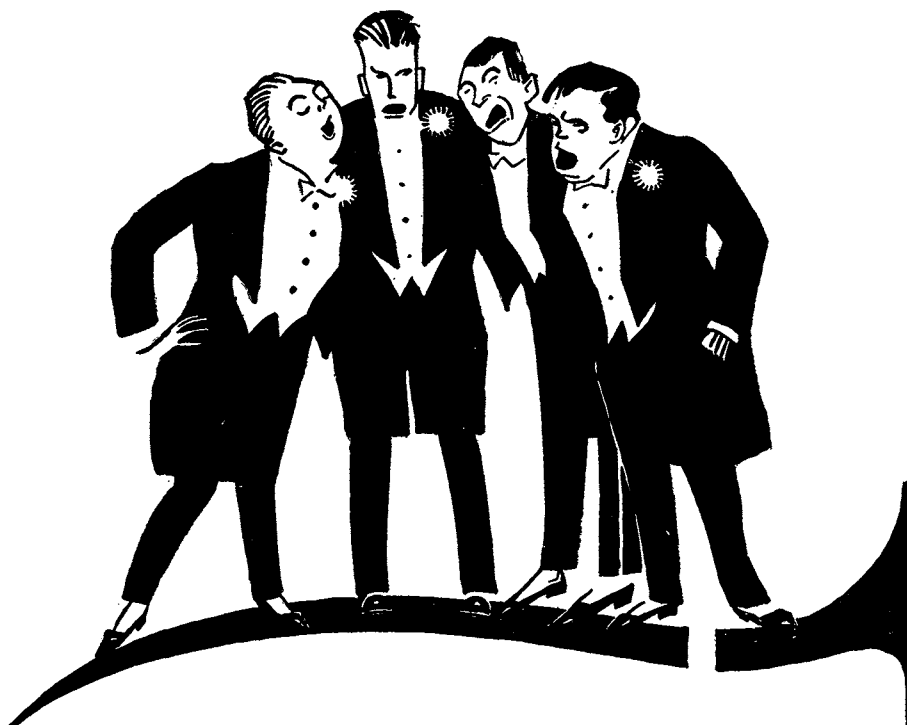
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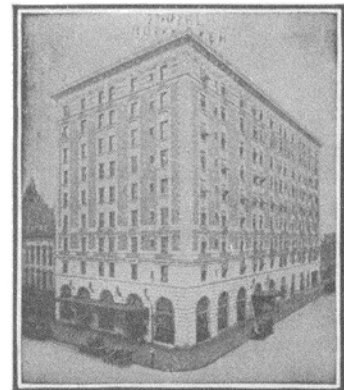
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