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Report of Ruth Putnam '78.

Fellow Cornellians: While assuming your knowledge of President Schurman's reports and other official announcements it may still be permissible for a retiring trustee to recapitulate a few of the most striking changes and events in the world of Cornell University which have happened during the last five years and which seem especially deserving of the attention of the graduates. There are many causes for rejoicing and some for apprehension.

THE PENSION SYSTEM.

In the first group comes the pension system now in full operation. Ten years ago the outlook for the old age of professors was peculiarly dreary. And it was possible, too, for cases to arise where the University were forced to choose between justice to honored instructors and justice to the students in need of fresher knowledge. The first light on the situation came from a private gift designed to coöperate with an insurance fund contributed by the professors. It was given by a member of a family to whom Cornell is already heavily indebted. Later came the Carnegie fund, poured out into a guarded chest with wide reaching intention of benefiting all institutions of higher education not directed by state or sect—\$10,000,000—a sum to conjure with! And not only were the superannuated instructors to be beneficiaries, but their widows also. And still more—retirement on their Carnegie pension does not mean necessarily superannuation. Far from it. It can mean a chance for harvesting the results of years of work. One of the best features in the provision is that which allows a professor after twenty-five years of service to aid himself and science by the fund, not because he is beyond usefulness but because he wishes to devote his ripe energies to research

undisturbed by teaching. Professor Gage is the first Cornellian to avail himself of this and we are proud of the scientific spirit that impels him to resign larger emoluments and to content himself with a very modest revenue for the sake of his work.

In the execution of this trust—assuredly unique in its breadth and its impersonality—other benefits than the primary one have come to the educational world. Dr. Pritchett, the able chief administrator of the foundation, has published interesting and comprehensive reports on American universities, reports that are immensely valuable from their disinterested point of view, reports that ought to do much to elevate the standard of educational ideals and to emphasize the difference between vitalized institutions and those allowed to exist under names which they do not merit.

In the practical dispensation of the fund there has been a peculiar mingling of equity and generosity. The list of beneficiaries contains no so-called university or college which falls short of the desired standard, but due consideration on the merits of each case has been paid to various individuals from institutions not wholly acceptable from one reason or another.

There will undoubtedly be a gradual increase in the number of beneficiaries and possible diminution in the pensions. State Universities are already eligible and sectarian restrictions will be abandoned by institutions now debarred, so that the princely sum provided may in time prove unequal to the burdens imposed upon it and the universities will again be forced to assume a larger share of their own responsibilities, but for the moment they are wonderfully helped.

But, good as it is to display this insurance for the future as a lure

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Report of Henry W. Sackett '75.

To the Associate Alumni of Cornell University: The custom of each alumni trustee as he completes his five-year term making a report to the Associate Alumni has become a time-honored one. The best purpose served by the custom is the furnishing to former Cornellians information regarding matters affecting the welfare of the University that does not come to them from any other source. It also affords an opportunity to discuss new problems arising in University affairs from the standpoint of the alumni themselves. In the present report an effort will be made to keep strictly within those lines.

The annual report of the President of the University, published in the autumn of each year and which in 1908 was for the first time distributed to all the graduates and other former students of Cornell and can always be obtained upon application to the University authorities, furnishes the fullest and clearest of statements on all subjects affecting the general administration of the affairs of the University, its finances its new problems and its expanding opportunities and activities. But there are two matters of great moment to the future development of the University and of keen interest to all loyal Cornellians that have not been discussed by President Schurman in any of his reports. I shall consider chiefly those two subjects.

THE ATHLETIC FIELD AND UNIVERSITY PLAYGROUNDS.

"Once upon a time," recently wrote one of the keenest observers among those engaged in solving modern sociological problems, "the citizens of a city of Greece were greatly interested in the nurture and training of children. When the question arose as to whether they should build a

great public school or open a playground, it was decided to open a playground. Now, in the course of years, it came to pass that the citizens of that city advanced so far beyond the rest of the human race, that in all the centuries since, even to this day, the nations that have gone on building public schools and neglecting to open playgrounds have not been able to catch up with them."

When some seven or eight years ago the project of securing larger and more accessible athletic grounds for Cornell undergraduates than Percy Field afforded was taken up by the alumni, the main thought and purpose centered upon the athletic field proper where the 'Varsity teams train and where the championship contests with the students of other institutions are held and to witness which admission fees are charged. For obvious reasons, it was natural that the interest of old Cornell students should at first lie chiefly in that form of aid to and development of Cornell athletics. But the efforts of the alumni to effect that end brought about some surprising and unforeseen results.

The new athletic field, all those interested in the subject agreed, must be on the University property in the immediate vicinity of the halls of instruction. But the Board of Trustees as a whole never would have consented to surrender a substantial piece of the University lands purely for the purpose of making them into a paid 'Varsity field. But when the project of such a field was coupled, as it wisely was from the beginning, with the proposition for a general Playground for all students, it apparently enlisted immediately the sympathetic interest and support of all the trustees, even of those least in accord with the spirit of modern college and university athletics.

Percy Field, I am told, has an area of about seven acres. At no time during the past ten years would the Board of Trustees have voted to set aside as large a tract as that on the University grounds for a strictly "paid field". But for the combined purposes of a 'Varsity athletic field and general University Playgrounds the trustees have by unanimous vote, after careful investigation and full report, formally

designated 57 acres of land in the immediate vicinity of the lecture halls, which are for all time to be devoted to such uses.

The alumni and other former Cornellians really brought this about by their loyal generosity. They said to the Trustees: "Set aside this tract of 57 acres, now used only for agricultural purposes, as a permanent area for outdoor recreation and we will grade the ground and equip the new Alumni Field; but first of all we pledge ourselves to the expenditure of not less than \$10,000 in laying out, grading and turfing ten acres of this area for a University playground." The offer was accepted and the designation made and since the expenditure by the alumni, not of \$10,000 as promised, but of more than \$15,000 for the Playground, the Trustees have by formal act and unanimous vote confirmed the grant.

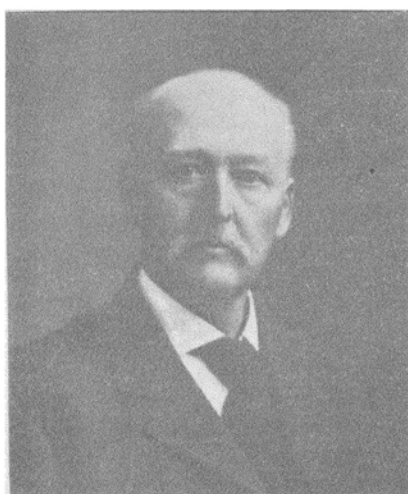
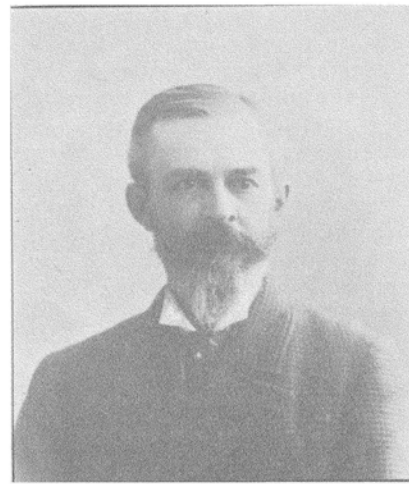
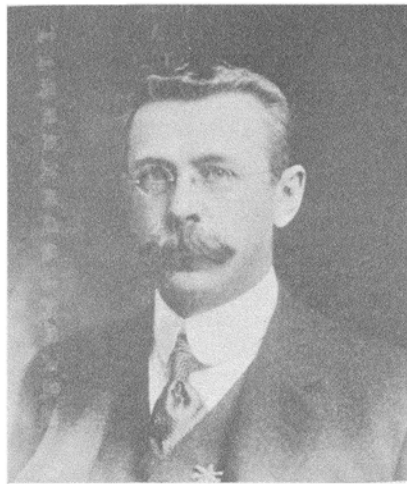
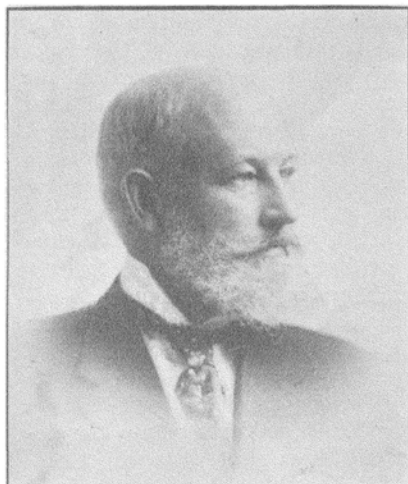
Who can measure the ultimate consequences of this action by the governing body of Cornell? Perhaps I am disposed unduly to magnify its significance. But to my mind no other decision reached by the trustees in the last ten years is of greater importance to the future welfare of the University.

Merely on the physical and external side the results that already have followed have been significant. How many Cornellians excepting students in the College of Agriculture, who were undergraduates more than ten years ago, knew anything of the region lying East of Garden Avenue? It presented an irregular and rolling surface of grain land, suggesting only difficulties of grading and treatment for any purposes beyond those for which it was then used. Do you know what it is now? I wish that every returning graduate who has not already done so would go up there and find out. Garden Avenue has been relocated and has been widened from a narrow road to a broad drive. Immediately to the east are the ten acres of the present University Playground, which the contributions of alumni have graded, drained and turfed. To the east of this is a terraced and sodded bank, some sixteen or more feet in height, leading up to the higher level where nearly fifty acres more of the Alumni

Field stretch away toward the rising sun, the greater portion of which has already been brought by the contributions of alumni to the necessary grade for athletic purposes. Flanking this upon the South and immediately abutting upon the level portion where it has been proposed to erect a Stadium and other fixtures of the 'Varsity Field, rises Kite Hill, the highest point not alone of the University property but for miles around. The commanding and beautiful views from this height are well worth a long trip to see. Kite Hill will also afford the finest of sites for the coming Cornell Athletic Club House. It is quite within bounds to say that no other great institution of learning in the world has anything like so magnificent an area for the outdoor recreation uses of its students.

One of the first direct results of the creation of Alumni Field was the selection of the hill to the north of it for the site of the new buildings of the State College of Agriculture. Instead of being located, as they otherwise to a moral certainty would have been, down alongside the State Veterinary College, they now have what is far and away the best site of any college buildings on the Cornell Campus. These buildings are indeed upon the Cornell Campus; for another of the direct results of Alumni Field was the action of the Board of Trustees in 1908 in formally enlarging the campus to extend to the eastern boundary of the grant of 57 acres, so as to include, with recently purchased lands, the entire tract between Fall Creek gorge on the north and the E. C. & N. railway beyond Cascadilla gorge on the South, with Stewart Avenue as the western, and the Judd's Falls road as the eastern, boundary. The entire area of the enlarged campus is therefore about 350 acres.

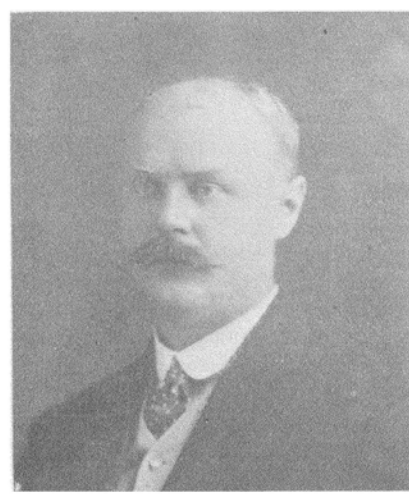
I venture the prediction that when in the future the work of laying out and planting the Alumni field has been followed by maturity of growth and development, this great University park and playground, called into existence chiefly by the alumni, will have become not alone the great beauty spot of the Cornell Campus, but the center of



Portraits of the five men recently appointed by Governor Hughes as members of the University Board of Trustees. Reading from left to right, they are:

Top row—Frederick C. Stevens, Henry W. Sackett, Almon R. Eastman.

Lower row—Thomas B. Wilson, John N. Carlisle.



undergraduate life and activities. I look to see it bordered, not by halls of instruction which for obvious reasons must be kept together within a comparatively small area, but by dormitories and various kinds of residence buildings for undergraduates and other members of the University community. It may be that the walls of the great Auditorium which we are all hoping for, in which from 5,000 to 8,000 of the undergraduates may gather at one time, will rise on the borders of Alumni Field. The new great gymnasium and armory of the future may also find like location. Who can set bounds to the development to which such an opportunity opens the door?

But it was not that material expansion resulting from the creation of Alumni Field upon which I wished to lay chief emphasis. It was

rather its influence upon the life and development of the individual student. Many wise and sagacious college graduates, quite free from narrow prejudices against properly conducted championship contests between the best trained athletes of different institutions, have in recent years been beset by many misgivings lest the prevailing system of the training of 'Varsity champions should lead to a perversion of the best purposes of college athletics—lest the concentration of efforts and enthusiasm and expenditures upon the development of winning 'Varsity teams should cause the neglect of outdoor sports and recreation on the part of the great undergraduate body and result in more harm than good.

Whatever danger of this character may have existed has, I verily believe, so far as Cornell University is

concerned, been avoided by the wise forethought that led to the establishment of these great University Playgrounds. The fruits of this wise planting are already being gathered. The area reserved for this purpose did indeed seem to many much larger than any present or future uses would require. In fact the ten acres already laid out for that purpose were seriously declared by some of the trustees more than ample. But the demonstration to the contrary that has already been given has surprised even those of us who were the most sanguine and insistent advocates of the largest area. These Playgrounds have only been in full use during the past year and I am assured that their inadequacy has been so clearly shown as to require the reconsideration of the scheme of development so as to bring a much

larger tract into use for Playgrounds as soon as practicable. It is said that there have been days during the past Spring when from ten to twelve hundred undergraduates were seeking at one time to engage in outdoor recreation within that limited field, and that the number would have been greater if the space had allowed. This was quite independent of the training of the members of the 'Varsity teams on Percy Field or elsewhere.

But this is only the beginning. The tendency toward regular habits of out-door recreation on the part of the entire undergraduate body will grow with the widening of the opportunity and the spread of a spirit among the students that will make this one of the most essential as well as enjoyable phases of their university life. As the present number of 4,000 undergraduates shall continue to increase, Cornell University will be able to afford to them a gradually enlarged area of Playground.

Nor are Cornell 'Varsity athletics in competition with other institutions, to suffer from the establishment and development of these Playgrounds. To the contrary. Men especially fitted for places on 'Varsity teams will be none the less likely to train for them, because of the general prevalence of the sports on the Campus. But, on the other hand, these broadened opportunities for practice and the spirit certain to be engendered throughout the student body will be likely to develop a larger number of good athletes from among whom these selections for the teams can be made. The social advantages of the daily gatherings will also be immeasurable. One of the inevitable consequences will be the growth among the students of a spirit of comradeship and democracy. Successive generations of Cornellians are going to see demonstrated at this University the wisdom of the principle so well understood and exemplified by the ancient Athenians that in the education of the young, the playground is as important and essential as the halls of instruction.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CORNELLIAN COUNCIL.

At the conclusion of our first term as Alumni Trustees, five years ago, I had the honor to join with my col-

league, Miss Ruth Putnam, in recommending to the Associate Alumni the establishment of what should be known as the "General Alumni Committee", which should act as the representative of the whole body of alumni in keeping them in touch with university affairs and especially as an avenue of communication between the alumni and the governing authorities of the University. These recommendations were approved by the Associate Alumni and the work that has been done by that Alumni General Committee in subsequent years has fully justified its creation.

But its members have felt that the scope of their powers was so limited that they were unable to carry out adequate schemes by which the great body of former Cornellians who have in the last forty years gone out from these halls could coöperate in furthering the interests of the University. The question whether a new and more effective plan could not be organized for these purposes has, during the last year, received the serious consideration of the members of the Alumni General Committee, of the Board of Directors of the Associate Alumni and other old Cornellians. As the direct result of these deliberations, in November last there met at Ithaca what, on more than one occasion since, I have ventured to call the most important gathering of Cornellians that have come together since the opening of the University in 1868. About fifty representative alumni were there. They came not alone from New York City and other parts of this State, but from Boston, Hartford, Pittsburgh, Washington, Philadelphia, from New Jersey, Ohio and various other States. They met to organize a system, such as the powers of the General Alumni Committee did not enable it to establish, to bring every former Cornellian, whether a graduate or not, at least once every year in such direct touch and communication with University affairs as to enable him in the best way to do whatever he could to further the interests of his Alma Mater. The consequence was that, at the request of this Conference, the Cornell Trustees selected one from each of the last thirty graduating classes and ten Cornellians at large to compose a

Cornellian Council of forty, into whose hands and those of their successors are to be entrusted in the future all plans for the securing of funds from Cornellians for University or kindred purposes. It is to become the University clearing house, on a system similar to that which has worked out so satisfactorily for Princeton. There is to be a paid Secretary, who will devote his entire time and energies to the work of reaching, once every year, every Cornellian living on the face of the Earth whom it is possible to reach.

I will not go further into the details of this scheme, because at this meeting the whole subject is fully presented by those who have already become engaged in the work. But I am confident in believing that we have in this new organization the nucleus of a system that will in time solve the various problems with which we have been dealing, to enable former Cornell students to aid Cornell enterprises and the upbuilding of University interests.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY W. SACKETT.

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to graduates choosing academic paths, it is by no means all that is needed to enhance the attractiveness of a university career as a choice of life work. In comparison with other pursuits the money returns are so very small that there is an increasing disinclination among ambitious young men to limit themselves to a salaried life. President Schurman has ably pointed out that the relation between quantity of University incomes and quality of future University faculties is close. Has not the Alumni body reached the stage when substantial endowment of specific chairs may become practicable? Cannot the new General Committee put on foot a scheme for husbanding the moneys committed to their charge so that such endowments can be looked for in time? It is an end devoutly to be wished.

GROWTH IN ATTENDANCE.

Five years ago there were 3,230 students in the University—exclusive of the summer school. The number rose to 3,385 in 1905, dropped to

3,442 in the following year, rose again in 1907, and in the present academic year has reached the figure of 3,888—4,999 including the summer school. Thus in the trustee term of five years just closing the increase alone equals $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the number of registered students at the University of my undergraduate days. In the same period the instructing staff has risen from 453 to 528, while Goldwin Smith Hall, Rockefeller Hall and the group of Agricultural buildings have sprung up on the campus to offer shelter to this increasing army of men and women seeking education and technical training. Here again are reasons for congratulation and for apprehension. One great cause for congratulation is that, coincidentally with the increase in number of applicants, distinctly higher academic standards have been introduced.

The most important item in the advanced standard is the change in the entrance requirements for the medical school. An A. B. degree or the equivalent is now essential for admission and Cornell Medical College takes its rightful rank as graduate school. Moreover an effort has been made to introduce some general education into the work tending directly to remunerative vocations. This is an excellent measure.

A second cause for congratulation to my mind is that there has been a great reaction against the absolutely free elective system in the College of Arts and Sciences. Little by little sign posts have been replaced designed to show what groups of work fall most advantageously together. Moreover, a new scheme has been evolved whereby more direction is given and specific guidance for the two lower classes. This is surely a time saving step and one that will be liked by the students in spite of what they may claim. The great preference shown for technical schools over and above the liberal arts may be attributed to other reasons than mere zeal to earn a living. The very restrictions imposed, the definiteness and concreteness of the course laid out, have undoubtedly been an attraction. In following the German university methods the closer relation of the character of the American youth to the English type with its

longer boyishness has been forgotten. A freshman at Cornell is not like a gymnasium pupil, a result of long and rigorous training. He is not ready for the German advanced and mature professional studies. For him this compulsory inoculation of the technical course with some general culture is an excellent plan.

Now what is to be the effect on the College of Arts and Sciences? In all probability eminently good and yet exceedingly difficult to appraise. The college can not show all its value in its own records but as a matter of fact it leavens the technical schools to a marked degree. And it stands for much in itself. Though overshadowed it holds its own. There were more students taking Latin at Cornell last year than at Harvard.

To return to the numbers of students. The increase is a cause for pride that the reputation of Cornell attracts so many, but it is also a cause for grave apprehension inasmuch as the town of Ithaca affords insecure, half suitable housing for them and wholly inadequate provision for proper board. The University possesses a domestic science department in the State College of Agriculture. This is now offering a good technical course tending towards training competent managers of tables on a large scale and it is to be hoped that eventually a student's commons will be allied with it, and that a scientific technique may succeed in combining economy with proper nutrition. Dormitories are needed—needed badly, but a commons is a far more pressing need—an attractive dining hall where palatable food can be decently served. And again it is hoped that the General Committee will lay the foundation for that commons.

COEDUCATION.

In the last five years the number of women has been somewhat uneven—400 in 1901—it is not at present quite as high in proportion as it has been at times, being somewhat short of the one-tenth of the whole tale of the student-body. Now there are several reasons for this. In spite of the years of trial Coeducation has not yet quite found its place in American education. But it will in time. There are now many women's colleges affording better conditions for

irresponsible young girls than does a large university and fair opportunities for the first steps of higher education. Indeed, for many reasons the small colleges are better adapted for preliminary instruction of both girls and boys than the university and for many types of girls more convenient places as the immediate successors to school. But when it comes to advanced work in any realm of knowledge the facilities of institutions exclusively for women must fall short and other elements make it not only desirable but absolutely essential for women to work side by side with men and under the most inspiring teachers. Women have a right to the best and the best cannot be repeated. The intellectual privileges of Cornell University are so precious that I would have them guarded at all cost for women prepared to enjoy them. In 1903 it was proposed to raise the age of admission of women to eighteen as it had been in the early days. The trustees were willing to effect this change, but the faculty considered it an unjust discrimination. The reasons for refusing to accept it therefore are given in full by Dean Willcox in the President's Report 1906-7, p. xli. It was not urged by the advocates of the measure that all difficulties would be obviated by the higher age limit but simply that such limit should indicate that mature students were preferred. In admitting young girls the university assumes a difficult task in the present conditions of Ithaca with the crowd of students living under no restriction of dormitory law. It used to be fairly easy for young women to live where they would in the town. A dormitory idea was unpopular. When the first Alumni report was printed in 1889 (?), twenty years ago, there were 25 women resident in Sage College and there was a vehement protest against any regulation that made residence there obligatory on the part of women students. Now there is room for only about half of the whole number, 210, and great is the pressure for accommodation in spite of the criticism always rife in regard to the food. While that is assuredly not as good and as nutritious as could be desired,

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FIELD WORK IN BIOLOGY.

An important research is going on in the Cayuga Marshes at the head of the lake. In the Cornell Biological Field Station, which is situated near the point of land between Fall Creek and the Inlet, Professor J. G. Needham and his assistants are conducting an investigation into the life history of the creatures that live in the water, from the fishes down. Their discoveries may in the end raise fish culture in inland waters from a haphazard undertaking to a stable enterprise. There are probably just as many things good for human food growing in the water as on the land, but we know practically

nothing about their cultivation. The aim of Professor Needham's work is to lay a scientific basis for "water culture." His field of science is known as limnology, a term coined from a Greek word meaning swamp. The new science is akin to agriculture. Agriculture has been developed to such a state that we have what are called staple crops—wheat, milk, eggs, beef—all these from the land. From the water we have always obtained food supplies, but never in staple crops. Fish is our principal water food, but fish culture is still guesswork. We operate fish hatcheries and we know that we can stock a stream with the young fry and keep them alive for a time by feeding them liver, but why the fish afterward thrive and multiply in one stream and disappear altogether from a similar stream we do not know. The object of limnology is to find out.

The Biological Field Station was established about two years ago. It occupies five acres of marsh land, which were given to the University for this purpose by Mr. Jared T. Newman '75, and a two-story frame house that the University built. Propagation pools were dug in the marsh and a well was driven—a flowing well, as it turned out—which furnishes pure water for laboratory purposes.

Professor Needham made last summer a study of the life history of the fishes that live in the head waters of the lake. His first object was to find out what afforded forage for the fishes. He learned that there were not more than half a dozen principal forage species—that these half-dozen forms of life furnished practically all the fishes' food. This was a beginning. It was easy to see that if a stream contained these few forms of life in abundance, that stream would be a good place for fish. But these organisms must also find forage if they were not to be exterminated, and on what, in turn, did they feed? The study went on in this way until the investigator found that at the bottom of the scale were certain microscopic animal and vegetable forms, and he went far enough to learn that the chief primary requisite to a supply of fish forage was the growth in the water

of certain algae, especially one simple conferva. His work during the present summer will be the study of these algae, in order to find out what environment is favorable to them.

Professor Needham has been assisted by several of the Cornell biologists, especially Assistant Professor H. D. Reed and Instructors A. H. Wright and A. A. Allen of the department of vertebrate zoology and Mr. G. C. Embury, a graduate student in the same department. This summer he will have with him in the marsh Mr. Anderson, a botanist of Wabash College, who will make a special study of the algae.

The laboratory where these men do their indoor work is on the second floor of the station building. Some of them stay there night and day at times, sleeping in the attic, although it is not a comfortable place to spend the night. The station needs an annex with fairly comfortable sleeping quarters, so that somebody can be on the ground all the while.

The work that Professor Needham is doing is, of course, only in its beginning. He is, as he says, entering an unexplored country, and he does not know where he will come out. But he is confident that he is learning things that will in time help to make this country's lakes and streams and its seventy million acres of marsh lands quite as practicable sources of food supply as its pastures and orchards and arable lands. The city of Ithaca has lately acquired title to much of the lowland bordering the Inlet. If the city would turn this area, or at least the marshy section near the lake, into a water garden instead of selling it for truck farms, as has been proposed, the cost of development might be far less and the profit just as certain. And Ithaca would have a garden spot of unique interest and beauty. Fish is not the only food supply the water affords. In some parts of the world tubers like the lotus are important articles of diet. These tubers grow in the Ithaca marsh. Basket willow could be grown there. Such treatment of the lowlands as is here suggested would incidentally settle the mosquito problem, for where there are fish there are no mosquitoes. One of the largest classes of fish forage is insect larvae.

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much of the criticism is made without taking into account the great increase in the expense of living. In all the women's college dormitories the prices have been raised within a few years. Including board, lodging and instruction the terms at Vassar now are \$500; at Smith, \$400; Wellesley \$450; and at Bryn Mawr from \$525 upwards, according to the room. At Sage the total expenses of a student range from \$306.50 to \$351.50, inclusive of instruction and exclusive of laboratory fees, which are extra in the other estimates. Last year many thousands of dollars were spent in improving the building, in its thirtieth year, and on the whole the results are very satisfactory. Mr. Boldt most generously gave a meat chest of the latest pattern in addition to the other expensive improvements in the kitchen and offices, improvements calculated to insure the best care of food. This expenditure is rightfully put into the plant from the Sage funds but it is also right that the board itself should be paid for by the students. There is no reason why 300 students should have their living expenses subsidized when over 3,000 have to meet the actual cost. The time may have come when the rates should be considerably raised so as to afford a better table at Sage. It is to be hoped too that the time is not far distant when here especially Domestic Science will set a high standard for good living with the maximum of good and palatable food at the minimum cost.

It can be only a question of time when the University must enlarge its accommodation for women students as regulations have been made to preclude their living in any but approved houses in the town. And the number of suitable houses which can be approved is very small. Therefore if 400 women are admitted and only 210 provided for in the university buildings, something must be done. Moreover, at present it is the newcomers who cannot find accommodation in Sage. It has seemed to me that some such arrangement as exists in Oxford would have to be adopted. There the third year men live in lodgings and the first year students in the college dormitories. But after the University has done its share,

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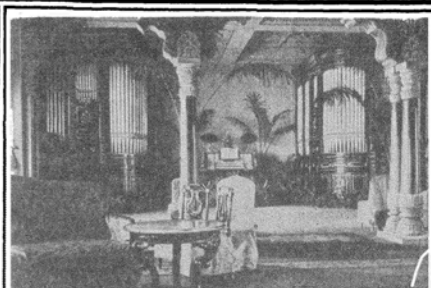
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I believe there will still be two class of women students who should be provided for by the Alumnae House Association, that is by private effort. There should be a good average standard of living in the university buildings equal at least to that offered in the women's colleges. But we have many students with very narrow means. These should be aided. The first dormitory under the administration of the above mentioned Association is called the "Alumnae House" and is run on a co-operative plan at the minimum cost and described in the hand book. It is ardently hoped that the next effort of the Association will be to establish a *Graduate House* at a higher cost of living than the university standard—a house fitted to the needs of older women who want quiet and comfortable conditions. It is very hard for graduates, pursuing the advanced work which Cornell has to offer, to be obliged to live in the noise and under the restrictions which must belong to undergraduate life. It will not cost much, fellow alumnae. Give your subscriptions. Nay, rather, take stock in the

Association and it will not be long before the Ithaca residents will show you what can be done to raise the standard of life and of work among our women at Cornell University. There is a generous amount of time given to the University by our Alumni trustees on the Executive Board. No one who has not watched the course of events knows how great this gift is, nor how hard, for criticism from the alumni body is frequent and unsympathetic. The time is coming with the extension of the University interests for all the sons and daughters of Cornell to give something. Above all, know what is going on and be ready with money if possible, but with interest at all times and sympathy unceasing.

RUTH PUTNAM.

A force of laborers is now at work tearing up the roadway in Central avenue in front of Morrill, McGraw and White Halls. This stretch of drive is to be discontinued and the ground will be turfed over. The material taken out is used in macadamizing Central avenue south of the Library.

Announcement of the SUMMER COURSES of the

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NEW CLASSES in all subjects will be formed on July 6th and August 10th, respectively. However, students may enter at any time during the summer term.

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GENERAL INFORMATION—Classes are small and carefully graded so as to insure the maximum amount of progress. In the boarding department, rooms are assigned in the order of application. Admission blanks will be mailed on request and any information desired will receive prompt attention.

THE REGULAR ACADEMIC YEAR for 1909-1910 opens Thursday, September 30th, for registration. Illustrated catalogue will be mailed on request. Address all correspondence to

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1909's Class Day.

An account of the 1909 Class Day exercises was crowded out of last week's number of the News. The exercises were held, part in the Armory and part in the open quadrangle, on Tuesday morning, June 15. Dorr C. Price, of Batavia, delivered the class oration. The class poem by Rhoda Grace Mix, of Ithaca, was then read. Its theme was "No Loss without Some Gain." Mary Reynolds Preston, of Amenia, N. Y., read the class essay, and Roscoe C. Edlund, of Brooklyn, delivered the memorial oration. The class memorial is a gift of money to complete the Moakley house fund. The indoor exercises were closed with the president's address by Robert Earl Coulson, of Buffalo. After planting the class ivy at Goldwin Smith Hall and hearing the ivy oration by Frederick A. Rice, of Brooklyn, the class gathered at the grove in the quadrangle. Walter G. Evans, of Rome, N. Y., told the class history, and the class prophecy was read by Edwin Charles Mayer, of Brooklyn. The

final act was the handing down of the class pipe to the class of 1910.

A New Cornell Song

At the Commencement Week concert of the musical clubs, the Glee Club sang a new Cornell song, the words of which were written by Albert W. Smith '78. The music was written by George F. Pond '10. Following are the words:

Lo, at her feet the valley lies;
She stands in changing shade and shine,
Of brooding clouds and sunny skies,
Amidst the hills of oak and pine.
Her bells ring out o'er winter's snow,
To summer skies, in autumn's haze;
And many murmuring waters flow,
Where we exulting sing her praise.

CHORUS.

With sound of pealing bell,
With song and lusty yell,
With melody we love so well,
We hail thee, Cornell.

She sees the lake, with mirrored shore,
Or swept by winds and flecked with white.
Beneath the stars she watches o'er
The city twinkling through the night.
The chiming hours too swiftly run
While blithe or sad we tread her ways,
Till all the golden days are done
In which we learn to sing her praise.

Annual Meeting of the Continuous Reunion Club.

(Contributed.)

The regular annual meeting of the Continuous Reunion Club was held in Ithaca at the Club Rooms in the Hotel Brunswick, on Wednesday, June 16.

Fifty-nine members were present at the formal business meeting, and fifty-six and a half at the informal social meeting that followed.

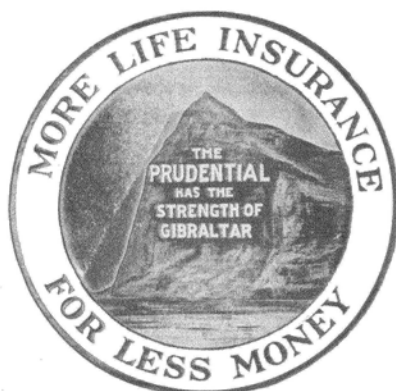
The officers for the ensuing year were elected. Mr. Clarence Blyler Kugler '03, of Philadelphia, Pa., was unanimously re-elected President. In his speech of acceptance President Kugler said in part:

"Members of the Continuous Reunion Club: I am overwhelmed by the honor thus suddenly thrust upon me, and can only thank you a thousand times for the confidence you have reposed in me. Chester, take the orders!"

President Kugler concluded his speech by inviting the club for an outing on his yacht the "Limping Lizzie."

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It was voted to reduce the fine for absence from regular annual meeting from twenty-five dollars to two dollars.

A resolution was proposed by Mr. Wm. B. Khelly, calling upon the students and the Board of Trustees of the University to abolish the Ithaca Police Force. This was unanimously carried.

It was moved that the club establish a psychopathic ward in the Cornell Infirmary. After a heated discussion, and three fights, the motion was lost.

A motion to erect a monument on the campus to Recorder Sweetland was unanimously lost.

The meeting adjourned when the lights went out.

From the Far-off Philippines.

There is a touch of homesickness in the following letter, which was sent to the business manager of the *Cornellian*. We have been permitted to print it:

"Here in the far off Philippines, the farthest flung post of the U. S. and the sons of Ezra, there are eighty-one, 81. EIGHTY-ONE (did you get that) Cornellians who have

organized an alumni association from a mere gathering of six fellows in the office of the writer one rainy day in August, 1907. Now, we believe that we are about the most loyal lot of alumni that ever happened.

"We are attempting to get a house or club rooms somewhere, but the rents are so high here it is almost prohibitive. Nevertheless we 'as 'opes.

"Furthermore we 'as 'opes that the *Cornellian* committee will take pity on us poor devils over here (now, we are having a pretty good time, but this is not home) and send us, postage prepaid, a copy of the coming *Cornellian*.

"Please put this before your honorable committee and in return we shall present to the *Cornellian* each year programs of our smokers and banquets which I assure you are works of art.

"The writer is an advertising man and consequently gifted with plenty of nerve. Hence this request for a copy of the *Cornellian*. But remember we are a long way off and a reminder of the old campus or even the 'Rhine' is good to us.

"Yours for a clean sweep on the Hudson.

PERCY WARNER TYNAN '03."

The Baseball Season.

(*Cornell's score given first.*)

April 3—Georgetown, 6-3.

April 5—Georgetown, 4-5.

April 6—Walbrook A. C., 7-0.

April 7—Navy, 4-3.

April 8—Mt. Washington, 2-0.

April 9—Maryland A. C., 0-2.

April 15—Niagara, 1-0.

April 17—Lafayette, 3-0.

April 22—F. & M., 4-0.

April 24—Yale, 3-4.

April 29—Bucknell. (Rain.)

May 1—Penn. State. (Rain.)

May 5—Williams, 2-0.

May 8—Carlisle, 5-0.

May 11—Brown, 0-5.

May 15—Columbia, 5-3.

May 21—Carlisle. (Rain.)

May 22—Pennsylvania. (Rain.)

May 26—Michigan, 5-6.

May 29—Harvard, 2-5.

May 31—Pennsylvania, 1-0.

June 12—Harvard, 2-1.

June 18—Williams, 1-4.

June 19—Yale, 0-6.

Crew practice on the Hudson has been carried on without much incident. Coach Courtney has been varying the 'varsity combination slightly from time to time. In the regatta on Friday of this week the crew will be practically the same as when it rowed against Harvard.



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CORNELL ALUMNI NOTES.

'80, B. S.—Announcement is made of the marriage on June 14 of Miss Sadie Mai Cornelius, of St. Louis, to Frank J. Trelease, a civil engineer of Mercedes, Texas, a son of Professor William Trelease.

'84, C. E.—William H. Larned is an engineer and a banker in Haigler, Neb.

'92, A. B.; '96, Ph. D.—Professor George H. McKnight, of the Ohio State University, was married on June 16, to Miss Sarah Watson Forrest, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Forrest, of Columbus, Ohio.

'95, M. E.—Frederick H. Thatcher has been appointed sales manager at Pittsburg of the International Steam Pump Company. His address is Box 1458, Pittsburg, Pa.

'99, B. S.—Walter C. Teagle was elected last week a director of the Standard Oil Company.

'02, M. E.; '03, M. M. E.—Sidney Graves Koon has been appointed superintendent of No. 3 open hearth plant of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, of Pittsburg. This \$2,000,000 plant, which is not yet completed, contains four 260-ton steel furnaces—the largest in the world, and has an expected capacity of 1,000 tons of ingots per day.

'06, A. B.; '08, A. M.—George William Nasmyth, of the department of physics, was married on June 22, at Buffalo, to Miss Florence Gross. Mr. and Mrs. Nasmyth will make their home at 110 Highland Place, Ithaca.

'06, M. E.—The address of Irwin W. Day is now in care of the American Mail Steamship Company, 100 Broadway, New York.

'06, A. B.—Loey Howe was married on June 17, at the rectory of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, to Miss Teresa Twomey, of Ithaca. Mr. and Mrs. Howe will make their home in Omaha, Neb.

'06, B. S. A.—Charles F. Shaw was married on June 19 at the Reformed Church in Centre Hall, Pa., to Miss Helen S. Hosterman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Hosterman of Centre Hall. Among the ushers were Ora Lee, jr., '06, Milton P. Jones '08, Lowell B. Gable

'06 and John H. Barron '06. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw will be at home after September 20 at State College, Pa.

'07, M. E.—Fred S. Tuerk has changed his address from East Orange, N. J., to 158 West Ninety-sixth street, New York.

'07, A. B.—The address of Arthur W. Craver is temporarily changed from Beloit, Wis., to Brooklyn, Pa.

'07, C. E.—Henry W. Maynard, of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, is now in charge of a party which is running six hundred miles of precise levels from Goffs, Cal., eastward over Santa Fe.

'07, C. E.—Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Preston announce the marriage of their daughter, Alda Hill, to Paul Bentley Lum, on Saturday, June 12, at Wissahickon, Philadelphia.

'07, M. E.—James H. Baker and Harriet Rita Howett, of Philadelphia, were married on April 26, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia. Mr. Baker is factory superintendent with the Franklin-Baker Company of Philadelphia.

'07, M. E.—Lieutenant George Ruhlen, jr., of the Coast Artillery Corps, is now stationed in Del Norte, Cal. The *Del Norte Record* says: "Lieutenant Ruhlen, who is sojourning in Del Norte for the purpose of mapping the same for possible military necessity, received by latest arrival of the steamer *Del Norte* a fine steed, together with government saddle and caparison suggestive of the dignity of the accomplishments for which they are designed."

'07, A. B.—The address of Homer J. Pierce is 605 Sixth street, S. E. Minneapolis, Minn. He is with the Pike Electric Manufacturing Company.

'07, A. B.—Kathryn B. Kyser will teach biology and physical geography in the Ithaca High School next year. Her address is 121 Prospect street, Ithaca, N. Y.

'08, M. E.—O. H. Simonds, jr., has removed from Duluth, Minn., to Schenectady, N. Y., where his address is 104 Jay street. He is in the testing department of the General Electric Company.

'08—The wedding of Miss Edna

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Cameron Baldwin, A. B., '08, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark N. Baldwin, of Ithaca, and William Hill Barton, M. E., '08, of Ash Grove, Mo., was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents on Wednesday evening, June 9. Stanley Nedham '08, of New York, was the bridegroom's attendant. Mr. and Mrs. Barton will make their home in Ash Grove, Mo. Mr. Barton is engineer and resident manager of the Ash Grove Lime & Portland Cement Company.

'08, M. E.—Lawrence M. Ryan has just been promoted to the position of manager of sales for the Lilly Coal Company and his address is in care of that company at Altoona, Pa.

'08, C. E.—J. Stewart Williams is with the Spring Brook Water Supply Company, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and his address is 466 Wyoming avenue, Kingston, Pa.

'08, B. S. A.—Percy O. Wood is a member of the Bureau of Soils, United States Department of Agriculture, and is temporarily in Grayson county, Texas. His permanent address is in care of the Bureau of Soils at Washington.

'08, C. E.—Matthew D. Mann, jr., has changed his address to Blacksburg, S. C., in care of the Southern Power Company.

'08, C. E.—Hamilton V. Miles is now in Manila, where he is employed by the department of public works.

'08, M. E.—F. A. Postel is taking post-graduate work at the Technical University in Charlottenburg, Germany. His address is 1 Rosinen street.

'08, A. B.—The summer address of K. W. Slauson is Westminster Park, Alexandria Bay, N. Y.

'08—The marriage of Miss Edna Lenora Mertz and Philip Durkee Carman took place on June 16 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mertz, in Sedalia, Mo.

'09, Ph. D.—Horace L. Jones has accepted the acting presidency of Virginia Institute, a large college for young women at Bristol, Va.-Tenn.

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