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## BASEBALL TEAM RETURNS.

### The Southern Trip Ended—Six Victories and Two Defeats—The Work of the Players.

Cornell's baseball players returned to Ithaca Thursday morning, April 18, from their annual Southern trip with a record of six games won out of eight played. The team lost to North Carolina and to Georgetown by very small margins, and defeated the University of Virginia for the first time since the two colleges have been meeting on the diamond. This is a much better showing than Cornell teams are usually able to make and is far ahead of the work of last year's team, which lost more than half the games. The fact that almost all of the team's practice work before going South was done in the cage makes the showing more remarkable. All of the men were in good condition except Captain Robertson who sprained a ligament in his back while sliding a base in the Georgetown game.

Coach Hugh Jennings is more than pleased with the showing made. He notices vast improvement and believes that the team has an excellent chance of finishing the season well up in the ranks of Eastern colleges. There are games with Pennsylvania, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, Georgetown, and Michigan on the schedule, which is somewhat harder than usual.

If Lyon's skill in the box continues he will have a fine record for his last year in college. Chase, who played center field last year, will be a reliable alternate and will doubtless succeed Lyon as chief pitcher next year. Whinery will be the regular catcher with Tydeman as substitute. Bristol has several good curves, plenty of speed, and with more development will prove a valuable man. Robertson, Brown, and Costello will continue at the three bases and have a long string of double plays to their credit already.

The work of the team at the bat has been particularly gratifying. The majority of the men "found" every pitcher on the Southern circuit and batted a number out of the box. Base running and stealing is another strong point; in the Virginia game alone fifteen bases were stolen.

Cornell's best game on the trip was played on April 16 with the University of Virginia. The style of play would have done credit to a National League team. Cornell's record contained no errors, and three double steals were recorded against Nalle, Virginia's crack pitcher. Cornell's hits were not accidental and were so well bunched that nine runs were secured. Lyon held the Virginians down to seven scattered hits which netted but two runs. The score of the game follows:

Cornell	A. B.	R.	H.	S. H.	P. O.	A.	E.
Brewster, lf	4	2	2	0	2	1	0
Lyon, p	5	1	1	0	5	5	0
Robertson, lb	5	1	0	0	11	0	0
Harvey, ss	3	2	3	0	1	4	0
Drake, rf	4	0	1	0	2	0	0
Chase, cf	5	1	1	0	2	1	0
Costello, 3b	4	0	1	0	3	1	0
Brown, 2b	4	1	2	0	4	1	0
Whinery, c	4	1	1	0	1	1	0
Total	38	9	12	0	27	14	0

Virginia	A. B.	R.	H.	S. H.	P. O.	A.	E.
Stearns, 1b	3	0	1	0	10	1	0
Nalle, c	4	0	0	0	6	2	0
Steptoe, 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	0
Walker, rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Woodard, ss	4	0	0	0	1	1	1
Carter, lf	3	0	1	0	2	0	0
Moran, cf	3	0	1	0	2	0	1
Coleman, 2b	3	1	1	0	2	1	0
Cracraft, p	3	0	1	0	0	2	2

Total	31	2	7	0	24	8	4
Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cornell	3	0	5	0	0	0	1
Virginia	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Earned runs	Cornell, 5; Virginia, 2.						
Home runs	Brewster, Brown, Walker, Coleman.						
Two base hits	Lyon, Whinery, Chase, Carter, Steptoe.						
Passed balls	Nalle, 2.						
Struck out by	Lyon, 1; Cracraft, 2; Hamsbrough, 3.						
Double plays	Costello to Robertson.						
Hit by pitched ball	by Cracraft, 2.						
Base on balls	off Lyon, 2; off Cracraft, 1.						
Stolen bases	Cornell, 15; Virginia, 3.						

On Wednesday the team met the University of Georgetown at Washington. Yale had fallen on the same field a few days before to the tune of 8 to 1 and other big Northern colleges had been badly beaten, so it is not discouraging that Cornell lost by the close score of 7 to 5. At the close of the seventh inning the score was a tie with 5 runs each. In the second inning only did Chase let Georgetown bunch her hits, while Fay was replaced by Blewett in the sixth inning. Cornell's hits were made as follows: Singles, Brewster, Lyon, Drake, Costello and Whinery; double, Robertson. The game was practically lost through five errors, some of which were very costly.

The game with Colgate, scheduled for last Saturday, was cancelled on account of rain.

### Tribute to Professor Tyler.

It is the custom of the Authors' Club of New York to have a memorial meeting annually for the members of the club who have died during the year preceding. On March 28 the tribute was thus paid to the memories of Charles Dudley Warner, Stephen Crane, Moses Coit Tyler and ex-Postmaster General William L. Wilson. In speaking of Professor Tyler, George Haven Putnam said in part:

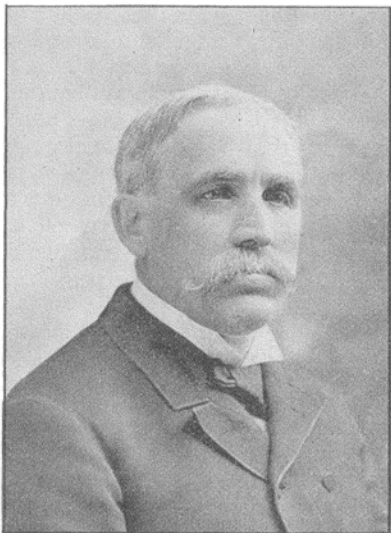
"Tyler won distinction as a man of letters, but to those of us who are privileged to know him as a friend, his memory recalls first the man, and only at the second step the man of letters. His relation to literature indicates that with him also the man was the first thing to be considered. In his studies of the work done by the writers of bygone generations the reader feels that Tyler's chief thought was to discern and to present the man behind the book. He finds in these books that have come down to us not only the personality of the literary worker, but the personality of the readers to whom they were addressed."

At the request of the State Department of Agriculture at Albany the Experimental Station of the University has lent part of its museum for exhibition at the Pan American Exposition at Buffalo. The exhibit is made up of plows showing the stages in development from the primitive plow to those in use today. The separate exhibition planned by the college of Agriculture has been abandoned.

## PROMINENT CORNELLIANS.

### XIX. SAMUEL D. HALLIDAY, '70.

Samuel Dumont Halliday finished his sophomore year in Hamilton College, and afterwards entered Cornell University as a junior when the institution first opened its doors in the fall of 1868. He was graduated in 1870 with the degree of A. B. Four years afterwards he was elected a trustee by the alumni of Cornell, and being re-elected served as such until the year 1884. At this time there was pending against the University a litigation of large importance in which he was acting as attorney, and it was not deemed best that he should continue in the Board pending that litigation. At the expiration of his term as alumni trustee, however, the Board by resolution requested him as attorney for the University to meet



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with and take part in the deliberations of its executive committee. This arrangement continued until 1892 when he again entered the Board of Trustees, this time in pursuance of an election by the trustees themselves. He still holds that position and is Chairman of the Executive Committee. With the exception of four years immediately succeeding his graduation, therefore, Mr. Halliday as a student, trustee, and attorney has been actively connected with the University since its opening in 1868. In 1871 he commenced the practice of law in Ithaca and has devoted himself to that profession ever since, with the exception of two winters which he spent at Albany as the representative of Tompkins County in the New York Assembly. He has not, however, devoted his time to his profession so exclusively as to interfere with his duties as a citizen. During the foregoing term, besides being District Attorney of his county, to which position he was elected soon after his graduation, he has served twice as a delegate from New York to Democratic National Conventions; during one presidential year was a member of the State Democratic Committee; and has a number of times been a delegate to county and State conventions.

Albert Ball, '01, has been offered a \$1200 teaching position in the Philippines.

## ROWING NOTES.

### A New Rowing Association—Poughkeepsie Regatta.

A meeting was held in Boston April 13, for the purpose of forming an "American Henley" for amateur oarsmen. The meeting, which was held in the club house of the Boston Athletic Association, was presided over by Arthur Burnham of Harvard, who was coxswain of the Harvard crew sent to England several years ago. Representatives were present from Yale, the Weld and Newell Boat Clubs of Harvard, Cornell, the Boston Athletic Association and the Union Boat Club of Boston.

All present favored the creation of an association to bring together crews and scullers from the prominent college clubs and other organizations maintaining a good amateur standing. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws to be submitted to the Universities and clubs concerned for a vote by mail. The committee will also select a name for the new association and the course for the races. Probably no regatta will be held this year, but the chances are that the first races will occur one year from June at New London, Conn.

F. E. Jackson, '00, who represented Cornell at the meeting took no active part owing to the fact that the invitation to send a representative was received during the Easter recess, when no delegate could be given full authority.

The Poughkeepsie-Highland Amateur Rowing Association met at Poughkeepsie, April 19. The date of the college regatta was fixed for July 2. The colleges that will be represented are Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Cornell, Columbia, Georgetown, and Syracuse. The power to start the races was given to a committee of three, to act in conjunction with the referee. They will decide when the race will be started, and will consider the interests of the public as well as the oarsmen. Cornell's quarters this year will be at The Oaks, directly opposite Poughkeepsie.

### Lacrosse Team.

A large number of the candidates for the lacrosse team remained in Ithaca during the Easter recess and practiced under the direction of instructor Smith of the Chemistry department. The professional coach from Montreal will not be with the team this season, so Mr. Smith will again have charge. He has coached both the lacrosse and hockey teams for the last two years.

The candidates are numerous and their work aggressive. This fact gives much encouragement to the management, notwithstanding the fact that eight out of the twelve places must be filled with new men. Briner, '01, goal keeper, has left the University, leaving vacant a place which will be exceedingly hard to fill satisfactorily. Ferguson, '02, will also be unable to play on account of his University work. The withdrawal of these two men has much weakened the team. Captain Wood expects to turn out a very aggressive team, although in other respects it may not be up to the standard of last year's combination.

**Book of Design Issued by the College of Architecture.**

The Cornell College of Architecture has issued a book of drawings and designs recently executed by the students in the college. It is illustrated by a number of zinc etchings which show the pictorial side of the work of the college. The drawings illustrate the variety of interests enjoyed by the students. The principal drawings represent an Episcopal Cathedral, and were made by N. Herbert Dole, of Honolulu, who has the Cornell traveling fellowship in architecture. Before departing for Europe, he was told that on his return he would be asked to execute a large cathedral, for modern usages. He studied many cathedrals in various parts of Europe and the resulting drawing was given the first Sands Memorial medal.

The book also contains the Tissington drawings for a ceiling of the State House of a large Eastern state, which won the author the second traveling fellowship. The work of the senior life class and of the classes in interior decoration is given prominence. An interesting page is that which shows the ten hour sketch problems. For this work the students are asked to report for work at eight A. M., and at that hour they are given a printed program, detailing the conditions and scale of drawings required. The problem must be designed and rendered before six o'clock of the same day.

An important departure from past custom is announced in the introduction. The same line of work will no longer be required from every student. If a student shows aptitude for the constructive side of the work, he will be allowed to specialize in that direction during the latter part of the course. Problems in decorative design may also be substituted for those in pure architecture. It is thought that this latter arrangement will be particularly advantageous to women students, many of whom have a great deal of trouble completing the present course. The book was prepared under the direction of Professor A. B. Trowbridge, '90, director of the college. The cover design is by T. B. Evermann, '03.

The plate contents of the book are as follows:—

An Episcopal Cathedral, by W. Herbert Dole, two plates.

A College of Fine Arts for Cornell University, by W. Herbert Dole, ground plan and view from campus side.

A Ceiling for a Reception Room in a State Capitol, R. A. Tissington, prize drawn in the competition for the traveling fellowship, and detail of ceiling at one quarter of full size.

Design for an Armory, R. A. Tissington, first mention in Society of Beaux-Arts architects' competition.

Design for an Armory, F. E. Y. Joannes, second mention in Society of Beaux-Arts architects' competition.

A Restaurant for the Shore of a Lake, F. E. Y. Joannes, post graduate design. First class design of same by F. L. Ackerman.

Drawing from Life, Alice R. May, Senior work.

Treatment of the Side Wall of a Library in a Residence, Helen D. Binkerd.

Decorative Designs, electric lamps, by Alice R. May and W. D. Straight.

A Suburban Church and Parish House, by W. W. Judell.

A Grand Opera House, by F. E. Y. Joannes.

Ten Hour Sketches: "Pavilion on a Bridge," by R. A. Tissington.

"Monument to Lafayette," W. Herbert Dole.

A State Capitol, F. L. Ackerman, two plates.

Working Designs in House Planning and Design, by Douglas Mackintosh.

Scale and Full Size Details of a Residence, by R. Harold Shreve.

Sophomore Drawing from the Antique: pastel by T. B. Evermann, charcoal by J. Andre Smith.

Summer Sketches near Buffalo, by W. D. Straight and F. L. Ackerman.

Panels in Mosaics, by R. Harold Shreve and J. Andre Smith.

Decoration of a Reception Room, by T. B. Evermann.

**Political Science Lectures.**

Mr. H. J. Messenger, '80, delivered three lectures last week on Insurance, as a part of the course of special lectures given by the Political Science department.

In his first and second lectures, Mr. Messenger treated insurance in general and policies, leading up to the subject of "Accident and Liability Insurance" in his last lecture. Mr. Messenger said that the insurance business, though based on mathematical principles, does not require an extensive knowledge of mathematics. By investigation, mortality tables are compiled which enable an insurance company to ascertain with almost certainty the number of probable deaths among its patrons. Upon this is based the net premiums, for the amount needed to pay off the policies only. To this is added the amount needed to cover expenses and incidentals.

Insurance policies of the present day differ greatly from those of a few years ago. Early policies were of two kinds only: Those provided for the payment of an annuity after the beneficiary had reached a certain age, and those which provided for the payment of insurance after the death of the policy holder. Brisk competition has had its effect here as elsewhere, multiplying the forms of the policy and removing most of the restrictions upon the old kind.

At present there are three kinds of insurance companies: the mutual, the stock, and those which have features of both. In mutual companies the annual premiums are about twenty per cent higher than in the stock companies, and the profits or losses are each year appointed among the beneficiaries. Stock companies enter into a definite agreement with a prospective policy holder, and the amount that he receives is not altered by the financial success of the company.

Accident insurance, a comparatively recent form of the business, differs from ordinary life insurance in several particulars. In accident insurance, little account is taken of the physical condition of the insured. The consideration which governs the rate of premiums is the occupation of the insured and not his age or health. Accident insurance is safer than life insurance because there is more uniformity in the rate of accidents than in the rate of mortality. Liability insurance is a still more recent development. It consists in insuring contractors against paying damages to persons injured while buildings are being constructed.

Ambassador White has lately written to one of the officers of the University from Amalfi, Italy, where he has been spending a few days at the former Capuchin Monastery.

**Alumni Notes.**

'73, Ph.B. Thomas Worthington was recently elected District Attorney for the southern district of Illinois.

'78, B. Lit. Ruth Putnam has left for a stay in England.

'80, B.S. Professor William Trelease of Washington University has been appointed one of the honorary commissioners for the Pan American Exposition by Governor Dockery of Missouri.

'83, B.C.E. John C. Beye is division engineer for the Kansas division of the Union Pacific Railroad, with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo.

Ex-'86. The *Book World* comments favorably on the recently published novel, "Sweet Brier," by Louis M. Eilshemius. The author is an artist, musician, and poet, as well as a novelist, and he has made his versatility appear in this, his latest work. The illustrations are from his own pencil, while music and poetry figure prominently in the story. Mr. Eilshemius left Cornell in order to study art, spent some time in New York art schools, and then went to Paris. He is now a prominent landscape painter, and is also winning a reputation for himself as an author and composer.

'87, A.B. The Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute celebrated its 33rd anniversary April 17th. On the day preceding a conference was held, at which one of the speakers was James E. Russell, president of the Teachers' College of New York City.

'89, Ph.B. John H. Drown is U. S. Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue in the first district of Missouri.

'90-'92, Special. William W. Christie has an article in the April *Engineering Magazine* on "Fuel combustion with draft furnished by mechanical means." Mr. Christie is a consulting engineer to boiler manufacturers. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and a contributor to many scientific journals.

'91, Ph.B. Elmer G. Mansfield is president of the Cornell House company of Buffalo. The company has secured two houses which it will convert into a hotel for the Pan American Exposition season. It is the intention of the promoters to make the hotel the headquarters for Cornellians visiting the exposition.

'92, Med. Prep. Dr. Robert Terry of the St. Louis Medical College, Washington University, recently lectured on "Birds of St. Louis and Vicinity" before the St. Louis Pedagogical society.

'93, B.S. in Agr. Dr. Hermann von Schrenk, of Washington University, St. Louis, has done valuable work and has attracted the attention of railroad men in his capacity as Government Specialist on timber diseases for the West. He spoke before an organization of railroad men in Chicago recently on a treatment of railroad ties. He contemplates spending the summer vacation in Europe studying certain timber diseases and their relation to economic and industrial problems.

'94, Ph.B. William H. Lighty is delivering a course of six public lectures on "Phases of Western Frontier History," of which he has made a special study, before the Self Culture Clubs of St. Louis, Mo.

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THE ALUMNI.

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

The third annual dinner of the New England Cornell Club will be at the Hotel Lenox, Boylston and Exeter Streets, Boston, Friday evening, April 26, at 6:30 o'clock. Tickets for \$2.50 each may be obtained of the secretary of the club, Louie Erville Ware, 108 Austin Street, Worcester, Mass.

The Cornell Club of Western Pennsylvania will hold its annual banquet at the Hotel Henry on Friday evening, April 26, at 8 o'clock. The Committee desires to know just how many they can depend upon and guarantees a good time. After the dinner there will be music and entertainment peculiar to Cornell with no dry speeches. An early reply is expected. Tickets \$3.00.

Committee

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'72, M.S. *Science* for March 29 prints an article by President David Starr Jordan on "The Determination of the Type in Composite Genera of Animals and Plants."

Ex-'72. The address of Hiram W. Slack is 735 Olive Street, St. Paul, Minn.

'77, B.S. Charles S. Francis, U. S. Minister to Greece, was presented to the king of Greece in special audience a few weeks ago. Contrary to recent precedent, Mr. Francis, on presenting his credentials, was requested to deliver an address. This was done and the king made a formal answer in English. At the same time Mrs. and Miss Francis were presented to the queen.

'77, B.S. Doubleday, Page and Company announce an addition to their series of nature books, "The Insect Book," by Leland O. Howard. It is handsomely illustrated by large photographic plates of insects, in colors.

'78, B.M.E. From graduation until January, 1898, James McKee Borden was with the Post Office Department at Washington, D. C. Since then he has been secretary of the Department of Public Charities of New York City, with his office at the foot of E. 26th Street. His residence is at 1748 Broadway.

Ex-'78. Thomas P. Borden is an engineer with the Rapid Transit Subway Construction Company of New York City, with offices at 13-21 Park Row.

'78, B.C.E., '90, C.E. Frank Bruen is a clerk with the Sessions Foundry Company, of Bristol, Conn.

'78, B.Arch. A recent number of the New York *Independent*, in an article on architecture of the present time, speaks very highly of the work of Green and Wicks of Buffalo, whose senior member is Edward B. Green, '78. The firm has been doing some excel-

lent work in connection with the Pan-American Exposition.

'79, Ph.D. Professor Waterman T. Hewett has been very busy the past few weeks preparing an additional section for the new edition of his German reader. Although the book has been published only two years, four editions have already been found necessary.

'83, B.S., '86, M.S. *The American Journal of Science* for March contained an article by Charles S. Prosser on "Names for the formations of the Ohio coal-measures." The same author contributed to the 18th annual report of the New York state geologist a paper on "Sections of the formations along the northern end of the Helderberg plateau."

'83, et al. Among the visitors at the University during the Easter vacation were Herman W. Smith, '83, Ludlow E. Lapham, '84, Henry W. Wilkinson, '90, Byron E. Brooks, '97, John M. Sutton, '98, Asa C. King, '99, and Frank E. Pendleton, ex-'00.

'84, B.L., '88, LL.B. Professor Ernest W. Huffcut has been offered the position of dean of the college of law of the Iowa State University. He has declined the appointment, preferring to remain at Cornell.

'85, Ph.B. *Science* for April 5 prints an article "On the Homologies and Probable Origin of the Embryo-Sac," by Professor George F. Atkinson.

'85, Ph.B. During the latter part of June, Professor George F. Atkinson is to deliver a series of lectures on "Nature Study" at the University of North Carolina summer school. The lectures will deal with plant life. We note also the announcement by Ginn & Co. of a new book by Professor Atkinson, entitled "First Studies in Plant Life," which is to be ready in April. It is of the "nature study" order.

'86, C.E. The San Francisco *Journal of Electricity, Power and Gas* for January publishes an extended article, with illustrations, of the Snoqualmie Falls Power Company, of which Charles H. Baker is president and general manager. The company furnishes power for nearly all the street lighting of Seattle and Tacoma, and for many electric railways, mills and manufacturing plants. Mr. Baker was a surveyor in Dakota and Washington for some time after graduation, and then became a contractor in the latter state. The company, when organized a few years ago, was put at once under his management.

'87, A.B. James E. Russell, Dean of the Teachers' College of Columbia University, will give a course of instruction in the summer session of the University of California.

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

'91, A.B. Elwyn B. Bentley is cashier of the Bank of Springfield, Springfield, Mo.

'91, Ph.D. Macmillans announce "A History of Rome for High Schools and Academies" by George Willis Botsford.

'91, E.E. Edwin Fitts is manager of the Pittsburg branch of the Murphy Iron Works of Detroit, with office at 503 Lewis Building, Pittsburg, Pa.

'91, B.S. in Agr. William E. Rumsey has been appointed state inspector for West Virginia to enforce the new law relating to the care of fruit trees and the measures necessary to prevent the spread of disease among trees.

'91, B.L. Henry H. Sanger is auditor of the Commercial National Bank of Detroit, Mich.

'92, Ph.B. Mary Grace Breckinridge is a teacher in the Binghamton high school.

'92, Ph.B. Frederic M. Black is an attorney-at-law at 525 N. 3rd Street, Newark, O.

Ex-'92. At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, held in Worcester last month, Professor W. G. Johnson spoke on the San José scale and the latest methods of treatment. Professor Johnson is assistant editor of the *New England Homestead*.

'92, A.B. Thomas F. Kane is studying English and mathematics at the New York University graduate school. His home is in New Brighton, S. I.

'92, Ph.B. Edwin D. Shurter is professor of oratory at the University of Texas. Under his direction two oratorical contests have recently been held, and the university has participated in two intercollegiate debates, one at Austin and one in New Orleans.

'93, M.M.E. William H. Boehm is professor of mechanical engineering and director of the Department of Engineering and Mechanic Arts, at Clemson College, the state agricultural and mechanical institution of South Carolina. Professor Boehm writes that Clemson is the largest and most popular college in the South. It turned away over three hundred applicants last year for lack of room.

'94, M.E. Ernest W. Bentley is superintendent of the Braddock Machine and Manufacturing Co., of Braddock, Pa. His address is Colonial Building, Station D, Pittsburg, Pa.

'94, LL.B. William E. Best is an attorney-at-law in Pittsburg, Pa., with offices at 702-703 Bank for Savings Building.

'94, B.S. Marguerite Thouron Lee is taking work in French in the graduate school of New York University.

'94, Ph.B. The American Statistical Association, in its last quarterly bulletin, pays a very high compliment to the annual report of Commissioner McMackin of the New York state labor bureau, and incidentally to Dr. Adna Ferrin Weber, '94, chief statistician of the bureau, closing a long review of the book with the remark that "this report is one which no statistician or student of political economy can afford to be without."

'95, Ph.B. Margaret F. Boynton is assistant to the New York state entomologist at Albany.

'96, M.S. James E. Boyd is associate professor of mathematics at the Ohio State University.

'96, M.M.E. A recent number of the *Journal of the W. P. I.* contains an interesting article on "Monongahela River Improvements," by Frederick L. Emory, professor of mechanics and applied mathematics at the West Virginia University.

'96, et al. Among the visitors at the University during the past week were Joseph A. Greene, '96, Walter D. Gerken, '99, Frank H. Hausner, '00, Philip Will, '00, and Elliott Seward, ex-'98.

'96, C.E. William W. Gaffin has been transferred from Leaf River, Ill., to Chicago. His address there is care chief engineer C. & N. W. R. R.

'96, A.B.; '98, A.M. Benjamin Powell, who holds a fellowship in the American School at Athens, returned to the school recently from a six weeks' trip in Egypt, in which he

went up the Nile to the first cataract. He has now gone to Corinth to work on the excavations at that place.

'97, LL.B. Company I, 1st Infantry, U. S. A., including 95 enlisted men, left Omaha, Neb., Wednesday, April 10, under command of Lieut. Joseph W. Beacham, for San Francisco, bound for the Philippines.

'97, LL.B. The *American Law Review* for April has an appreciative review of the recently published "Digest of the American State Reports," by Delos Magee.

'99, M.E., '00, M.E. Harry L. Hibbard, '99, and Paul P. Bird, '00, are in the government office and the engine department, respectively, of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.

'99, M.M.E. On April 17, Ezra F. Scattergood was married to Miss Lula Chilton, at Oxford, Miss.

'00, A.M. Frank Allen is doing advanced work in physics at the University.

'00, A.B. At the first semi-annual gathering of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, held in Utica, April 13, Frank S. Baker was elected president.

'00, B.S.A. Gordon M. Bentley, who is at present taking graduate work in the University, has accepted a position as vice-principal of the Union Academy at Belleville, N. Y. He will enter on his new duties in September.

'00, B.S. Charles H. Briggs is an analytical chemist at Howard's flour and wheat testing laboratory of Minneapolis.

'00, M.E. William L. Catlin is a foreman for the Chattanooga Machine Company, Chattanooga, Tenn.

'00, C.E. John C. Davis, who is in the engineering department of the C. & N. W. Ry., has been transferred from Ogden, Ia., to Nevada, Ia.

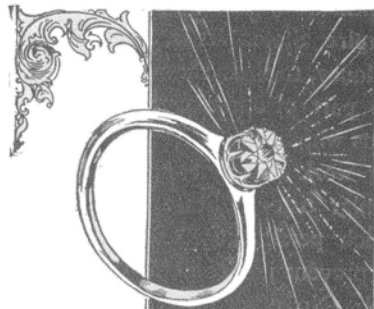
'00, LL.B. Frank H. Hausner and Herbert A. Heminway are experiencing marked success in their law practice at Corning, N. Y. Their offices are now at 103 Pine street.

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## Calendar of Coming Events.

Friday, April 26:

Annual dinner of the New England Cornell Club at the Hotel Lenox, Boston, at 6:30 P. M.

Annual banquet of the Cornell Club of Western Pennsylvania at the Hotel Henry, Pittsburgh, at 8:00 P. M.

Saturday, April 27:

Pennsylvania relay carnival at Philadelphia.

Baseball with Columbia, at Ithaca.

Lacrosse with Hobart, at Geneva.

Wednesday, May 1:

Baseball with Princeton at Princeton.

Thursday, May 2:

Baseball with Fordham at Fordham.

Friday, May 3:

Woodford Oratorical Contest at Ithaca.

Baseball with New York University at New York.

Saturday, May 4:

Open Handicap Track Meet at Ithaca.

Baseball with Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

Friday, May 10:

Lacrosse with Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

Saturday, May 11:

Baseball with Princeton at Ithaca.

Lacrosse with Lehigh at South Bethlehem.

## HONORARY DEGREES.

Newspaper discussions of the granting of honorary degrees at various universities have caused divers persons to ask the ALUMNI NEWS to make a statement of the policy of Cornell. We all know, briefly, that from the founding of the University in 1865 to the election of President Adams in 1885 Cornell granted no honorary degrees, that in 1886, upon President Adams's recommendation, the LL.D. degree was granted to Andrew Dickson White and to David Starr Jordan, and that this action has never been repeated.

More fully, the history is this: Originally all degrees were given for work done. Honorary degrees are an aftergrowth. The universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and the strong old universities of this country, such as Harvard and Columbia, all give honorary degrees which are true honors. Lesser institutions, like Amherst and Williams, give honorary

degrees which are less desirable. Obscure institutions in the four corners of the United States grant honorary degrees which are locally useful to their possessors,—more widely, if the name of the institution granting it be suppressed. Lastly "fake" colleges, dodging from state to state to elude the progress of law-making, grant degrees honorary in name upon the mere payment of a fee, which are in truth no honor, but a disgrace alike to the recipient and to the community which fails to take prompt steps to suppress them.

Abroad the impression seems still existent—in the seventies it was all prevalent—that all American degrees belong to the last named class. Probably every American institution of learning whose name is known abroad is still occasionally in receipt of innocent letters from English teachers and theologians inquiring the price of a D. D. or LL. D. So keenly did American scholars feel and resent the stigma thus placed upon American scholarship, that when President White early announced that at Cornell degrees would be granted only for work done by students in the University it was applauded by the members of every other institution, and not less by the students and alumni of Cornell, who felt the value of their own degrees raised thereby.

Now when President Adams came to Cornell from Michigan, where honorary degrees were granted—as at every other American institution except Cornell—he was ignorant of Cornell's peculiar pride in its own stand. Reasoning that every institution except Cornell conferred D.D. and LL.D. upon its most distinguished alumni, and that Cornellians were placed at a manifest disadvantage in being excepted, he carried with him the faculty and trustees of the University to the conclusion that this injustice should no longer exist. Degrees were accordingly granted and conferred, as already stated, upon Presidents White and Jordan, both of whom were on record against the granting of such degrees here.

The alumni did not appreciate the new benevolence of their *Alma Mater*. Within a few months a majority of them had signed a petition enumerating nine more or less cogent reasons for Cornell's continuing to grant no honorary degrees. The petition was printed and widely circulated, and applauded by the whole world of American scholarship. President Adams "stood from under," the trustees voted "That the resolution of the Board of Trustees, passed June 16, 1886, as to Honorary Degrees, be rescinded, without prejudice to the action already taken under it," and Cornell professors continued to accept honorary degrees from other universities.

That is the whole tale. The strong

feeling against honorary degrees as such has partially subsided. Cornell's action has had some influence over Johns Hopkins, Stanford and others. But it is now obvious that the older universities will never follow our example and the granting of no honorary degrees will remain a principle peculiar to Cornell.

Ex-'72. Dr. Louis L. Seaman, donor of the 'Varsity Challenge Cup, returned last week from an extended stay in China. He expresses himself very emphatically as opposed to the looting which has been going on in that country. Thousands of innocent people have been slaughtered, he says, the influence of modern civilization has been lost, the hatred of the Chinese for foreigners has been intensified, and certain districts are being ruined. This makes indemnity impossible and partition of the empire accordingly probable, while the very localities which are being demoralized are those which comprise the market area for American products. In regard to army rations, on which subject Dr. Seaman is an authority, he is more than ever opposed to the present order. The ration, he says, is ideal for high latitudes, as in China, but is responsible for much sickness in the Philippines and other tropical districts.

Princeton won all the games played on her Southern trip.



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**The Development, Design, and Execution of Large Hydraulic Investigations.**

On April nineteenth, George Y. Wisner, resident member of the United States Board of Engineers on Deep Water Ways, spoke before the College of Civil Engineering on "The Development, Design, and Execution of Large Hydraulic Investigations."

Mr. Wisner graduated from the University of Michigan in 1865; from then until 1883 he was connected with the government examinations and surveys of the great lakes, the Illinois, Mississippi, and other rivers, and canals. During the past fifteen years he has been engaged as consulting engineer in many large undertakings. He rebuilt the celebrated Eads jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi river and successfully opened the deep water harbor at the mouth of the Brazos river, Texas, after the United States engineers had declared a six foot channel could not be maintained. He also has developed plans for regulating the levels of the Great Lakes.

Mr. Wisner spoke especially of the deep water ship canal to connect the Great Lakes with the Atlantic. The commission in charge of the work has considered three routes for such a canal: the route of the present Erie Canal; a canal from Buffalo to Lake Ontario, to Oswego, through the Oswego river to Oneida Lake, to the Mohawk river and down through the Hudson to New York; and a third route from Lake Ontario down the St. Lawrence to Lake St. Francis, thence to Lake Champlain and down the Hudson.

The route of the Erie Canal has been abandoned owing to the very much greater cost, probably \$100,000,000 more than the others, and at the same time taking from one to two days longer for the passage of a vessel. Of the other routes the way by Oswego will be traversed quickest and with less lockage, but there will not be as much open water as by Lake Champlain. The route from Buffalo to Lake Ontario is also under debate; a direct canal to Alcott would be shorter, but a canal following the Niagara River to Lewiston would be quicker, owing to the greater amount of open water.

The depth of the canal will be twenty-one feet. A greater depth would make it necessary to dredge channels in the lakes which of course would raise the cost enormously. It is necessary for a canal to be five and a half times the width of a vessel to obtain a speed of eight miles per hour and when going at that speed the vessel would probably sink at least a foot, making the available depth less than it would first appear. The cheapest route from Duluth to the sea is through Canadian soil. A canal from Georgian Bay through Lake Nipissing to the Ottawa River and thence to Montreal would cost \$60,000,000 less than by either of the other routes mentioned and the distance from Duluth to Montreal would be only twenty miles more than to Buffalo.

The current number of the *Review of Reviews* contains an article entitled "Nature-Study on the Cornell Plan," by Professor L. H. Bailey, of the department of agriculture.

President Benjamin I. Wheeler of the University of California has been appointed by President McKinley to be one of the board of visitors to West Point for the present year. The other men on the board are General J. M. Schofield and President Eliot of Harvard.

**President Low on the Value of College Athletics.**

President Seth Low, of Columbia University, has stated his opinion on the value of college athletics in these words:

"From the University point of view justification of athletic sports among the students is to be found in their educational value, and that is great. I know that they are subject to abuses, but so is every good thing under the sun. The duty of the University, from this point of view, is so to control the sports as to minimize the abuses and to get out of the sports the utmost benefit.

"Interest in athletics is so natural and so wholesome an interest with young men of college age that the wise educator, as I think, is bound to use this interest for the training of the men committed to his care, precisely as he uses their desire to learn. I hope to see the day when it will be a distinct advantage to a man in the battle of life to have had to do with athletics at Columbia.

"Those who have come in contact with their business management should know something about book-keeping and something about business principles which otherwise they might not have known; those who have taken part in athletic contests should have developed a self-control and a poise that have value in every walk of life, while those who have been interested only as fellow students should have learned to accept defeat with dignity and victory with moderation."

*The Old New York Frontier: Its Wars with Indians and Tories; Its Missionary Schools—Pioneers and Land Titles, 1614-1800.*—By Francis Whiting Halsey, '73. 8vo, with maps and 14 full-page illustrations. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. \$2.50 net.

This volume should have much interest for the people of this neighborhood. A territory which for more than a hundred years was the frontier between white men and Indians in New York state has its history told. It was not until the Revolution came to an end that the white man secured titles to territory further west, comprising what is now about one-half of the State. The record has never before been made in its entirety from the first settlement. Even the Revolutionary part, embracing the border wars, has not been dealt with in any history published since Stone, Simms, Jay Gould and Campbell wrote their volumes fifty and sixty years ago.

Meanwhile a large mass of new material has come to light in State publications, local histories and collections of manuscripts that seem not to have been accessible to any earlier writer.

The volume relates almost wholly to the head waters of the Susquehanna and the valley of the upper Mohawk, a region to which Fenimore Cooper has given enduring interest.

Not only are the border wars described, but the work done by missionaries among the Indians before the Revolution; the manner in which the first settlements were made and the history of the first land titles. The sites of Indian villages are also indicated and there are sketches given of their political and military life, with an account of the work of the Sullivan Expedition in completely overturning what remained of Indian civilization in central and western New York. Written as the volume is, from original documents it comes as an authoritative record rather than one based on tradition. It is profusely and attractively illustrated and has two maps compiled from original sources that should have particular interest.

Kelton E. White, '01, who left the University recently on completing his course, is with Little & Brother, brokers, of St. Louis, Mo. The senior member of the firm has a son, Alden Little, '02, at the University.

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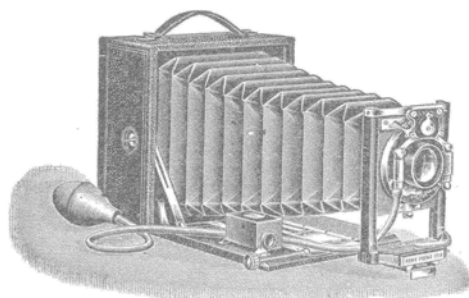
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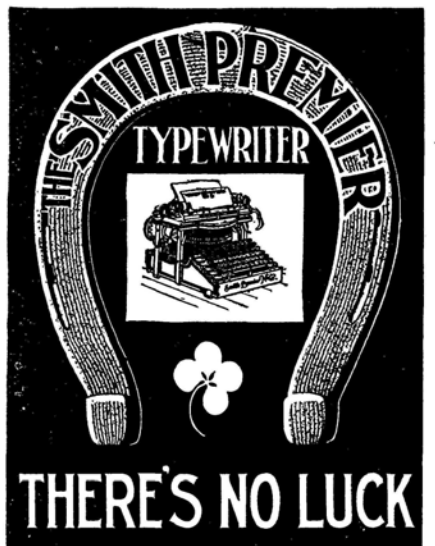
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## The Loomis Laboratory Secures a Valuable Pathological Library.

The negotiations carried on by the University Library have been successful in securing for the Loomis Laboratory of the Cornell University Medical College the complete pathological library of the late Dr. Felix Victor Birch-Hirschfeld, who was Professor of Pathology and Pathological Anatomy in the University of Leipzig and Director of the Leipzig Pathological Institute. The library contains some eighteen or twenty sets of the most important German medical periodicals, some 600 or 700 volumes of pathological works, and 4000 dissertations on medical and pathological subjects, forming a very large working collection. The books arrived in New York last week.

## Cornell to Lose Dr. G. A. Miller.

Dr. G. A. Miller, instructor in mathematics in Cornell University during the past four years, has just accepted an assistant professorship in the Leland Stanford Jr. University, and will leave for his new field of work soon after the close of the University summer session here.

In his specialty, Substitution Groups, Dr. Miller is easily one of the foremost mathematicians of this country, and his loss will be seriously felt—indeed his place cannot be filled. He is not only a capable, painstaking, and successful teacher, but also one of the most prolific of American investigators in the field of mathematics, and his work is of the kind that will endure.

In connection with his investigations it may be mentioned that only a few months ago one of Dr. Miller's memoirs won a prize offered by the Royal Academy of Sciences of Cracow, in a competition open to the world. This prize is the first of its kind, in pure mathematics, to come to America. It is a very great pity that Cornell must lose him.

## Proceedings of the Athletic Council.

A meeting of the Athletic Council was held Monday evening. In accordance with the resolution from the Cross Country Club to the effect that "The Cross Country Club under existing circumstances deems it desirable to resign all control of Intercollegiate Cross Country running," the Council assumed absolute charge of Intercollegiate Cross Country running and authorized the track manager to appoint a temporary assistant manager to take charge of cross country running and to arrange next year's cross country schedule.

The Percy Field committee was authorized to put the field in condition for the different teams for the next few years with the idea in view of acquiring a new field on the hill. A sum not larger than \$500 was appropriated for this purpose.

The Council ratified a track meet between the Elmira Free Academy and the second track team for May 11.

Mr. Cleveland's two lectures that he delivered at Princeton on Venezuela affairs are to appear in the *Century* for June and July.

## The Track Team.

On the 27th of April, representatives of Cornell's track team will enter the University of Pennsylvania's relay carnival at Philadelphia. For this event trainer Moakley has held meets every Saturday, so as to give the candidates the necessary experience for competition, and also to bring out the best men for the teams. So far this year the weather has greatly hindered the work, nevertheless the men have done good work.

Two relay teams have been chosen for the two mile and four mile events in Pennsylvania's carnival.

The teams now average several seconds faster than the record for the Intercollegiate relay races. This, of course, is a most encouraging outlook for the races, still, Moakley is not over confident of his men, as the time made by the other college teams who will compete has been very fast.

The men who have been chosen for the teams are those who have made the best time at the weekly meets held at Percy Field and are as follows: For the two mile race—Captain H. E. Hastings, '01, D. S. Belling, '03, David McMeekan, '03, and W. B. Flanders, '02. For the four mile race—A. O. Berry, '01, B. A. Gallagher, '01, G. T. Pollard, '03, and R. S. Trott, '03.

The men will leave Ithaca Friday morning, April 26, and will stop at the Ritten House while in Philadelphia.

The Debate Union met Monday evening in Boardman Hall and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, G. A. Oldham, '02; vice-president, A. J. O'Connor, Sp. Law; secretary, W. W. Roe, '03; treasurer, H. C. Hasbrouck, '04; faculty members of Debate Council, Professor G. L. Burr, Professor C. W. Pound, with the head of the department of oratory, ex-officio; alumni members of Debate Council, E. S. Mosher, '00, S. E. Banks, '95.

Yale's schedule of football games for next fall has been announced. She plays Annapolis on Oct. 12, Columbia on Oct. 26, West Point on Nov. 2, Princeton on Nov. 16, and Harvard on Nov. 23. The Columbia and Princeton games will take place at New Haven; the others at the respective homes of the opposing teams.

Professor Atkinson has in press an elementary work upon plant life, designed to teach beginners in Natural History the first principles of botany, together with the power of observation in nature study. The book will be issued by Ginn and Co., Boston.

Coach Hanlan of the Columbia crews has divided the members of the first crew among the other combinations, thereby making all the crews of about equal strength.

The Business Men's Association of Ithaca has started a subscription for the University athletic fund.

The College of Forestry has shipped an exhibit to the Pan American Exposition.

Richard Croker, Jr., ex-'02, is now at Colorado Springs for the benefit of his health.

Some interesting statistics have recently been compiled concerning the registration in the large universities. Harvard stands first with an enrollment of 5,740 students. Columbia and Michigan come next with 4,392, and 3,813 respectively. Cornell stands seventh on the list with 3,004 students. In the various departments, this ranking does not hold. Cornell and Yale have the largest registration in the scientific courses. The statistics further show the pre-eminence of Chicago with a theological seminary of 180 students; of Pennsylvania with a school of 417 dentists; of Minnesota with 590 students in agriculture; and of Cornell with a registration of 22 in its College of Forestry.

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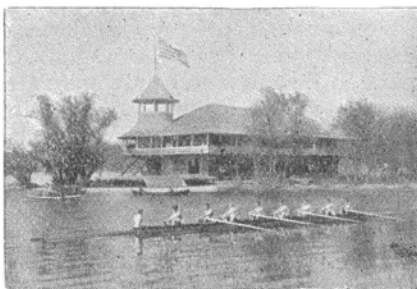
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