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ONE hundred students are candidates for degrees next week under the new ruling by which degrees are to be granted at three periods of the year. The one hundred candidates are divided as follows: Bachelor of Arts, 27; Bachelor of Chemistry, 1; Bachelor of Laws, 3; Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, 32; Civil Engineer, 23; Mechanical Engineer, 8; Master of Science in Agriculture, 3; Doctor of Philosophy, 3.

Assemblyman Wende of Buffalo has introduced a bill at Albany to appropriate \$50,000 for the construction of houses suitable for experimental work and teaching in floriculture at the College of Agriculture. Assemblyman Bush of Elmira has again introduced the bill to provide \$10,000 for the establishment of a school of sanitary science and public health at Cornell. This bill has been twice passed and twice vetoed by the Governor.

If the annual appropriation bill becomes a law in its present form the College of Agriculture will receive \$250,000 and the Veterinary College \$47,500 this year. The bill also includes \$31,428.80 which will go to the University as interest on the land scrip fund.

Junior Week commenced at 11:30 o'clock this morning with the *Widow* breakfast in the Alhambra. The *Sun* breakfast was held in the Dutch Kitchen at 12:30 and the Chi Phi luncheon from 12 till 2. The Psi Upsilon theatricals will be held at 3 o'clock today and will be followed by tea dances at the Chi Psi and Sigma Chi houses. After the Musical Clubs' concert in the Lyceum tonight, the Sophomore Cotillion will be held in the Armory. The Book and Bowl breakfast will be held to-morrow morning in the Dutch Kitchen. The Psi Upsilon theatricals will be followed by tea dances at the houses of Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta,

Kappa Sigma and Zeta Psi. In the evening the Masque will present "The Conspirators" at the Lyceum. After the show dances will be held at the Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Chi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Sigma Kappa houses. Friday is left open for entertainments by the various fraternities. The Beth L'Amed breakfast will be served in the Dutch Kitchen at noon and a special organ recital will be given in Sage Chapel at 4:45 o'clock. The Junior Promenade in the evening will officially close the week. Saturday the Majura breakfast will be held at Rogues Harbor at 11 o'clock. The Cornell-Yale basketball game will be played in the Armory in the afternoon.

Seats for the concert and the play were drawn by lot this year, thus doing away with the ticket lines. The demand for the Masque seats was unusually large, and the representatives of three fraternities, Theta Delta Chi, Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Kappa Psi, were unfortunate enough to draw the last three numbers, 95, 96 and 97. The only seats left for them were in the top gallery. The Junior Week performance is primarily for the out-of-town guests and plans are being considered to restrict the sale next year to those persons who are entertaining guests. "The Conspirators" will be repeated on February 16.

Something new in the way of amusement for the Junior Week guests will be furnished by several fraternities in the shape of interclass hockey games. Not a few of the houses have flooded their tennis courts and converted them into very good rinks. Several of these have been lighted by electricity and skating will be one of the favorite diversions of the week.

Hacks from Ithaca and the surrounding country fall far short of the demand this year for Junior Week,

and automobiles have been brought in from nearby cities to carry the guests from one function to another. More than fifty cars will be used by fraternities this year. Street cars have been chartered for the week by some of the crowds. Although most of the fraternities refused to pay the prices demanded by the local liverymen for carriages, the demand has been heavy, and the liverymen say they have rented all their vehicles for the week at their own prices.

The distribution of advertising matter on the campus is now to be entirely prohibited. Especially at registration time the campus has been strewn with blotters, memorandum books and circulars handed to students by various advertisers. Under instructions from the Board of Trustees, the Treasurer has given notice that such distribution will not again be permitted.

Cascadilla Place, which is now a faculty apartment house, may be converted into a dormitory for students. Such a plan is now under consideration of the Trustees' committee on buildings. Considerable remodeling and new plumbing will be necessary if the plan is carried out. Cascadilla Place has not undergone much change since it was finished in 1868. In the early days of the University it contained dormitories for students, besides suites of apartments for professors and their families, a large reception room, two dining halls, a faculty room, offices and lecture rooms. Professor Goldwin Smith lived there when he was a member of the faculty, and President White lived there for a time. Dr. Burt G. Wilder made his home there for forty years. Professor H. Morse Stevens had rooms on the first floor.

The first Senior Night was held in the Dutch Kitchen Saturday. These class meetings will be held monthly for the remainder of the year.

## Engineer of the Oversea Railroad

W. J. Krome, a Cornell Man, Chief Constructor of the Key West Extension

One of the most important and at the same time most picturesque of engineering feats has just been completed—the building of the Key West Extension of the Florida East Coast Railway, “the Oversea Railroad.” On the morning of January 22 the first through train from New York to Key West completed its journey, carrying Henry M. Flagler, who had projected and financed the big undertaking.

The work that made this road possible was begun in 1902. In the surveying and afterward in the construction, the chief responsibility was in the hands of a Cornell civil engineer, William J. Krome of the class of '99.

Mr. Krome was a member of the class of 1897 at the University of Illinois, but he left there before graduation to study civil engineering at Cornell. He entered Cornell in the fall of 1895 and was a student here till 1899. Professor Crandall remembers him as a hard worker and an uncommonly practical student. He did not take a degree. A desire to get into field work became too strong for him to resist, and in the winter of his senior year he pulled up stakes and left Ithaca. Krome is just completing his 36th year. Since 1902 he has been engaged on the Key West Extension, and he is now engineer-in-chief of the road.

An article written for the official program of the celebration which marked the opening of the extension tells of the difficulties which Krome and his assistants had to face in the construction of the road and gives some idea of the greatness of the work. We quote from the article, condensing somewhat:

“No one who has not seen for himself can form any adequate estimate of the magnitude of this great undertaking. He who has not looked up from below at the immense arches of concrete and the spans of steel, who has not stood at one end of Knights' Key bridge and tried in vain to see the further end, lost in the horizon seven miles away, or who has not from a distance endeavored to measure the leagues of trestle, can realize that here is the greatest accomplish-

ment of modern engineering ever conceived and carried to completion by one man.

“In no respect has the sagacity of Mr. Flagler been more clearly shown than in his choice of lieutenants to execute his plans. He has chosen young men—men whose mental prime has yet to be reached, and their work has made them—most of them—great, for this work has called for, and has developed, real men.

“When in 1902 it was determined to find an outlet for the railroad system at the point farthest south, a survey was ordered from Homestead as a basing point. For two years the engineers toiled through the jungles and swamps of the Everglades against big odds to Cape Sable. They reported against that route, and Turtle Harbor, on Key Largo, became the objective point. It was not long before the order came, ‘Go to Key West,’ and the engineers marked out a path through the swamps on the mainland, across the Keys rank with luxuriance of tropical verdure, and over the waters that rolled between.

“And through all these pathless wastes that marked the routes to Cape Sable and to Key West the surveyors were led by a young man whose name then was not widely known in the ranks of his profession. He was W. J. Krome.

“When the construction of the extension was begun in 1905, J. C. Meredith, an engineer of splendid ability and reputation, was placed in charge, and Mr. Krome became his first assistant and confidant. Mr. Meredith was not permitted to see the completion of his task, and he died in April, 1909, from a disorder brought on and aggravated by the demands upon his strength. Mr. Krome was immediately named to take up his work, and he is to-day the chief engineer of construction.

“When this construction was begun there were no precedents for much of the work, and be it remembered that every foot of it has been done by the company itself and not by contract. The men in charge of the work had to make precedents. They

encountered numerous problems that railroad building has never before had to overcome, or they had to make new applications of problems that had already been solved. They found ready for them only the air they breathed. Water for drinking, the food for hundreds of men, and every pound of material used in building the road had to be brought. No wonder that Mr. Meredith's significant words are often recalled: ‘No man has any business being connected with this work who can't stand grief.’ Hardly less descriptive is the remark of Mr. Krome: ‘We have put things through because we had to.’

“The engineering plans for these miles of construction originally contemplated six miles of open water spanned by bridges of concrete or steel. It was calculated that allowance need be made only for the ebb and flow of the ocean tides, that only so much tide could flow back into the ocean as had already passed under the open arches and piers of the bridges. The autumnal storm of 1909 swept away this idea and revolutionized the plans of construction. The great tropical storms that came tearing up from the Caribbean and the West Indies forced the water before them through the Gulf of Florida. Between Cape Sable and Key West this body stretches out a hundred miles wide. But further south and along the eastern coast of the mainland, it narrows almost to a meeting point between the mainland and the Keys, not far south of Miami. This great influx of water cannot flow back the way it came, and it must find an outlet between the Keys into the ocean. The result was the decision that instead of six miles of open water, spanned by bridges, there must be eighteen miles.

“The storm of 1909 taught another lesson. The filled embankment must be guarded against the fury of even the shallower waters. The engineers studied the destructive force of the ocean wave. They found that its great damaging power is not in its impact against the resisting body, but in its retreat or in the undertow,

which carries away and bears down. This problem has been solved by presenting a surface over which the advancing wave glides, as over a piece of glass, and retreating gains no hold for its work of destruction. The material was found in the marine marl, or coral rock which occurs in plentiful deposits along the line of the road. This rock, ninety-two per cent carbonate of lime, is found as a thick plastic mass, dazzling white in color, which on exposure to air and sun becomes harder as time goes by and presents a surface as smooth as glass. It is spread over the fills and embankments of the construction work.

"Still another problem was forced upon these engineers for solution. It was the determination of the elevation of the bridge work above the water. What determines the height of the wave? The depth of the water over which it rolls, and to some degree the sweep of the winds which raise it. Therefore, the deeper the water the higher must be the bridge.

"Always through these seven—al-

most eight—years of construction there have weighed upon the engineers the fear of storms and the responsibility consequent upon their coming. Three times have hurricanes swept up the coast and destroyed or seriously damaged their work, in October of 1906, 1909 and 1910.

"These engineers have consulted their barometers more frequently than their watches. The inquiry most often passing over the telephone line which connects their various offices and stations is, 'How does your barometer read?' They have tabulated the results of their study of tropical storms, and their contribution to this science will be valuable.

"'No man has ever passed through one of these West Indian hurricanes,' said Mr. Krome, 'and boasted that he had no fear of it. Indeed, the lack of fear is dangerous. The responsibility resting upon every one of our engineers for the safety of his men and for the preservation of the equipment in his charge is heavy. There is no harbor along the entire line of

our work that is safe from a hurricane. When it comes we must be ready for it; we must have the workmen well in hand to prevent panic; we must have done all we could to save our machinery and camp outfit. We have found it more economical to sink our floating equipment in the most protected waters, and when the storm has passed, to raise and repair it.'

"For the purpose of this description the writer met Mr. Krome in his offices at Marathon. By telegraphic appointment one hour had been set aside for the interview. Mr. Krome had been pictured as a man of few words, and anticipation had photographed him as advanced in years, sedate and hard to approach. The meeting brought pleasant surprise and contradiction of every preconceived notion. A young man he is—his next birthday will close his thirty-sixth year—slight of form but bronzed by exposure to semi-tropical sun and winds."

## Where the Students Live

### Growth of the Various Rooming Sections on East Hill

Where do the undergraduates live nowadays? An old grad wants to know. Why, my dear sir, they live where they always did.—Do they, though? On second thought, there have been some changes. For one thing, the students are more numerous than they were and they cover a larger area. Come to think of it, too, there was a time when a goodly number of undergraduates lived in dormitories on the campus. Of course that custom is past. Most of the undergraduates are now scattered widely over East Hill, south, west and north of the campus. Some live downtown, but not in any such proportions as when the fraternities occupied rooms over State Street stores, and when householders on East Hill had just begun to find how much profit there was in renting rooms to students. Now the number of houses on the hill has increased vastly, there are forty-odd fraternity houses, and there are well-developed mercantile districts, with tailors, haberdashers, grocers, apothecaries, confectioners, stationers,

tobacconists and billiard rooms, on Stewart Avenue, Eddy Street and Huestis Street.

The Huestis Street neighborhood has changed as much as any. Close to the main campus entrance as it was, it was destined to become a center of student rooming and boarding houses. One doesn't have to be very old to remember Willow Pond, which stretched right across the head of Huestis Street, or to remember the morning when the Willow Pond bridge was found floating on the water. It would be difficult to explain to an undergraduate nowadays just where Willow Pond was. There does not seem to be any place for a pond between the campus entrance and Sheldon Court, yet there it was. Right alongside it, where the Court stands, was the East Hill House, and across the street another frame barracks called the Brunswick, where a meal ticket good for twenty-one meals could be had for \$3.50. And it wasn't bad board, even at that price.

The first mercantile establishment

on Huestis Street was Field's barber shop. Now there are all kinds of stores all the way down to Dryden Road and for a block beyond, and beyond that rooming houses clear to State Street. And Huestis Street has overflowed in both directions. All the territory between Huestis and Eddy Streets, where the orchard was, is now built up. It is a populous student neighborhood. East of Huestis there has been another big development. (In speaking of development it is proper to begin calling Huestis Street by its new name—College Avenue.) East of College Avenue and Linden Avenue (formerly Hazen Street) is the Bryant Tract, bounded on the north by Dryden Road and without apparent boundaries on the east and south. In the Bryant Tract are many rooming houses and there is also the Cosmopolitan Club. North of Dryden Road, also, Oak Avenue, where the street car line to East Ithaca runs, has lengthened and ramified and you will find your rooming houses there.



BRIDGE TO CORNELL HEIGHTS, ALPHA CHI RHO HOUSE, PHI KAPPA SIGMA HOUSE, BEEBE LAKE, TRIPHAMMER FALLS.

*Photograph by H. C. Cable.*

So now there is a great student neighborhood tributary to the main campus entrance. It extends from Eddy Street east to the open fields near the E. C. & N. Railroad. Here live a large proportion of the men whose work takes them on the campus every morning.

To this same entrance, of course, are tributary also the upper reaches of Buffalo and Seneca Streets, and Williams Street, that almost perpendicular thoroughfare.

But Stewart Avenue, cutting across Seneca and Buffalo further down the hill, opened up another way of access to the campus. In the last twenty years, since the Stewart Avenue bridge across Cascadilla Gorge was built, this region has acquired about all the houses it has room for. In it is the fraternity district, so-called. There are fraternity houses scattered elsewhere on the hill, but here there is a bunch of them, east of Stewart Avenue, from Williams Street up

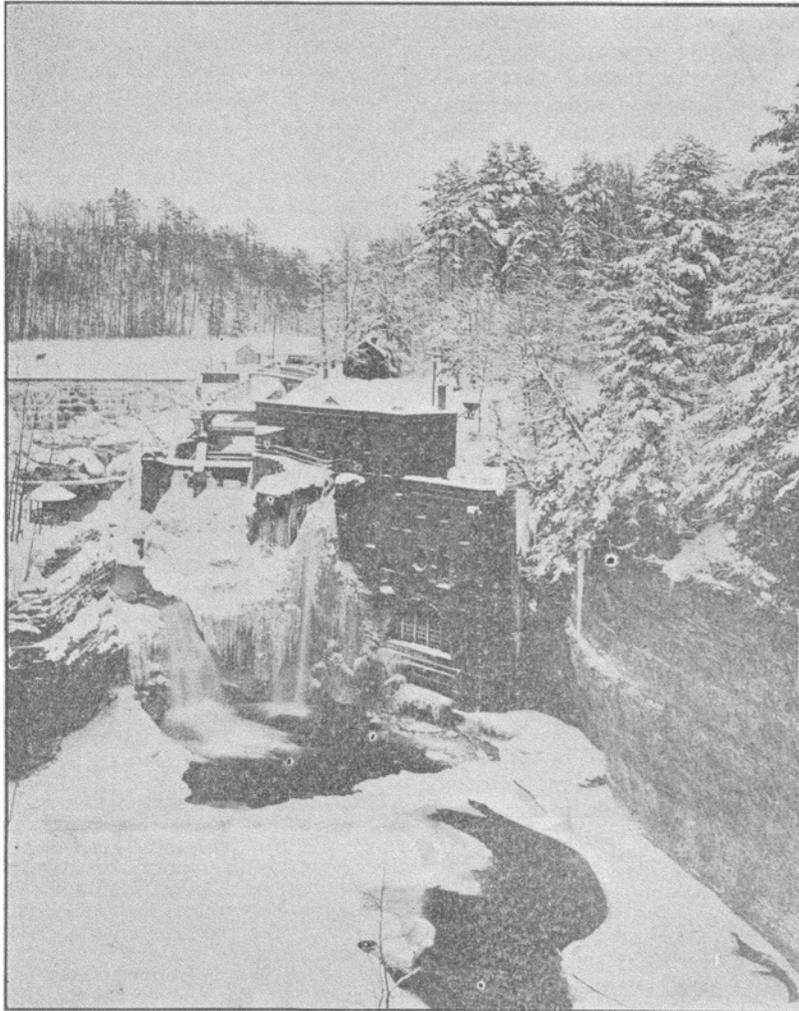
on to the campus itself. Across Stewart Avenue from this group, lying between the gorge and the cemetery, is a row of rooming houses whose nearness to the fraternity houses makes it easy for their proprietors to rent rooms to prospective and also to crowded out fraternity men and to charge good prices. The latest development in East Hill real estate is Cascadilla Park, a narrow strip of land between the gorge and the cemetery, extending from Stewart Avenue clear to the foot of the hill. Rooming houses are occupying the upper part of this strip and townspeople have built bungalows in the lower part. The old Campbell mill, near the head of Mill Street, has given place to the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

But this is taking us away down town, out of the student section. We return to Stewart Avenue. This street has had a marvellous northward growth. Crossing Cascadilla

Gorge two decades ago, it next broke down the bars of Ezra Cornell's pasture, crossed University Avenue, dodged the windmill on the McGraw-Fiske property, bridged Fall Creek Gorge, and now leads on, a State road, into the open country of Cayuga Heights and South Lansing. Stewart Avenue now is the western boundary of the campus. Just across from the campus, between Stewart and University Avenues, most of the land was appropriated for private residences.

We now come to University Avenue, which had an early development because it was one of the roads leading to the campus. Near its intersection with Stewart Avenue is now a newer group of fraternity houses. The lower part of the McGraw-Fiske estate, down almost to the gun works, is crossed by streets.

In the effort to find more and more room for homes from which a man might make an eight o'clock, the



TRIPHAMMER FALLS AND THE HYDRAULIC LABORATORY.

Heights, one of the sections closest to the campus, was one of the latest to be made accessible. Separated from the University property by Fall Creek Gorge, it awaited the bridging of the Gorge and the coming of the street railway. Now it has its homes and its fraternity houses, is talking of having a public school building for its children, and is to be the site of Prudence Risley Hall, a residence building for women students. Beyond Cornell Heights is Cayuga Heights, a region which looks directly down on Cayuga Lake. Many members of the faculty now make their homes on these heights.

We have almost made the circuit of the campus, but we haven't yet said anything about Forest Home. Yes, indeed, students still live at Forest Home. It is by no means

negligible in this survey. For the campus has grown so that Forest Home does not seem so far away as it used to seem. It used to be a long walk for a cider raiding party, on a dark night late in October, along a muddy road, out to the old mill and back. Now you go from the campus right onto a state road, hard and smooth, electric lighted, leading through the quiet little village. And the footpath runs close to the wooded bank of Beebe Lake. If I were a student again, I think I should like to live in Forest Home. By its very contrast to the spacious architecture of the University (which seems so far away and is yet so near) it suggests "the still air of delightful studies," more seductively than do the crowded student tenements or the effervescent lodges of East Hill.

### For Alumni Trustee

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Federation of Cornell Women's Clubs, held in New York on February 3, Mrs. William Vaughn Moody (Harriet Tilden Moody) '76, of Chicago, was nominated for alumni trustee of the University. Mrs. Moody was a candidate for trustee last year and with a half-dozen more votes would have been elected. A biographical sketch is being prepared by a committee of her nominators.

### Faculty Comings and Goings

Four professors who have been absent from the University during the past term on special or sabbatical leave will resume their work next week. Professor Jenks, who has been abroad, will give his regular courses. Professor Kimball has returned from California, and will be in charge of Sibley College during Director Smith's absence. Professor Dresbach has returned from the University of Leyden, where he has been studying, and Professor Sill is back from Europe.

Professor McDermott's special leave of absence has been extended to include the second term so that he may continue his work in Brazil. Professor Karapetoff has obtained an extension of his sabbatical leave to the second term.

While in Europe during the second term Professor George L. Burr is to represent Cornell at the seventv-fifth anniversary of the founding of the University of Greece in Athens on April 7. Professor Dann and Professor Diederichs will be on sabbatical leave during the second term. Professor Diederichs has not completed his plans, but expects to remain in Ithaca for a good part of the time. Professor Dann, with his son, Hollis Dann, jr., will travel in Europe.

### The Chinese Students

With the opening of the second term, many of the Chinese students are beginning to worry about their remittances, which have stopped coming since the revolution began. Most of the students received sufficient funds for the first term before the trouble commenced. A few have been assisted from the Guiteau loan fund. There are about forty Chinese students here.



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The two alumni trustees whose terms expire this year are W. H. French '73 and C. E. Treman '89. Neither of these men is a candidate for re-election. One nomination, that of Mrs. Moody, has been made. It is reported that a western candidate is to be named to succeed Mr. French.

The committees whose duty it is to nominate football coaches have recommended the selection for next year of Daniel A. Reed, a Cornell man, and Dr. A. H. Sharpe, a Yale man. If these nominations are ratified by the Athletic Council the coaching will be placed in good hands. If Dr. Sharpe is to be the head coach—and it is generally supposed that he will be—the Athletic Council should let the

fact be plainly understood. It is not made plain in the official announcement of his nomination whether there is to be a single or a dual headship. If the men who framed that announcement feared to arouse alumni resentment by stating that a Yale man was to be put in charge of Cornell football they are ignorant of alumni sentiment. Alumni are ready to welcome any man, from whatever university he come, who bids fair to bring leadership and efficiency to Cornell football. If they made their announcement in the way they did with the idea of sparing Reed's feelings, then they totally mistake the temper of Dan Reed. Unless his bearing during the last three years has belied his character, he will work cheerfully and heartily in any position for the good of Cornell athletics. Cornell football demands leadership. A dual leadership is unthinkable. If Dr. Sharpe is to reform our football he must have a free hand. He must be the leader. No doubt it is the intention of the athletic authorities to give him a free hand. If it is, then they will run no risk of humiliating Reed in saying so and in recognizing the magnanimity which makes him willing to step down and serve as a lieutenant. They will humiliate him if they put him in a false position.

For a football leader Dr. Sharpe is a man of the right type. He has a high ideal of amateur sport and he is very much more than a mere athlete. He was bred in a good school of football and is a graduate student of the game. The leadership of Cornell University was given first to a Yale man. Perhaps a Yale man's leadership will pull Cornell football out of the rut.

By the resignation of Raymond A. Pearson '94, from the offices of State Commissioner of Agriculture and president of the State Agricultural Society, two vacancies were created in the Board of Trustees. The incumbents of these offices are ex-officio members of the Board. Calvin J. Huson of Penn Yan, the new commissioner, and George W. Sisson, jr., the newly elected president of the State Agricultural Society, are now members of the board. Mr. Pearson expects to go to Europe soon to study agricultural conditions and methods.

## Fraternity Scholarship

### A New Form of Honor Roll

President Schurman has decided to use a different method this year in his study of the comparative scholastic standing of fraternity and non-fraternity men at Cornell. Instead of publishing an "honor roll" of the fraternities that do not lose any men by failure in the midyear examinations, he purposes to show the average percentage of marks obtained by each chapter. The President has sent a letter to the secretary of each chapter at Cornell, with blanks on which the names of the members are to be furnished him. In this letter he says:

During the second term of the college year 1909-10 and also during the second term of 1910-11 I published statements (see CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS, April 27, 1910, and April 26, 1911) setting forth the comparative scholastic standing of fraternity and non-fraternity men at Cornell so far as shown by analysis of the lists of men dropped at the end of the first term for failure to do satisfactory work. Each statement contained an "honor roll" of those fraternities that did not lose a single man on account of poor scholarship.

These published statements were received with universal interest and approval by fraternity members, whether students, alumni, or instructors, and have had, I feel sure, a salutary effect upon the scholastic records of fraternity students. I therefore purpose making a similar study of the men dropped from the University at the end of the present term, again publishing the results.

Certain reasons lead me, however, to broaden the scope of the inquiry. It may readily happen that although a given fraternity has no men dropped, yet the general average of scholarship among its members is low. On the other hand the fraternities with the highest general average of scholarship may have one or more members who fail to reach passing marks. A fairer basis of comparison between fraternities would seem to be the average percentage of marks obtained by each chapter, and it is my purpose therefore to have those averages computed, publishing a new "honor roll" upon the basis of the results.

The time and labor necessary for this investigation, which calls for the computation of the average standings of more than a thousand men, will be well expended if it directs the attention of these and other students more steadily to the primary object for which they come to the University—the getting of an education and the training of the mind by hard study. No one believes more strongly than I do in the fraternity idea and

the great value of fraternity life to the men who become members. But I recognize also that the fraternity student, on account of the very advantages he enjoys and the distractions of social life in the fraternity home, is much more subject than the non-fraternity student to the temptation to neglect his studies or to do only so much work as will enable him to "slide through." I earnestly hope and believe that the investigation I now propose, with the publication of the results, will promote among our fraternities a spirit of emulation and generous rivalry in this matter of scholarship that will lead to steady improvement in the marks of their members. Toward the attainment of that end I invite, as I am sure I shall obtain the cordial co-operation of the fraternities themselves.

**Buffalo Scholarship**

The award of the Buffalo Alumni Association Scholarship will be made at the annual meeting of the Buffalo alumni to be held on February 24 next, such award being for the scholastic year beginning in the fall of 1912.

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## Alumni Associations

### Seattle

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### Western Pennsylvania

At a smoker of the Cornell Club of Western Pennsylvania, held January 20 at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, the football situation was discussed at some length. A committee of seven was appointed to draw up a proposal to be read at the meeting of the alumni to be held in New York on March 5. Another committee was formed to interest local preparatory schools in the coming interscholastic track meet.

### Eastern New York

The Cornell Alumni Association of Eastern New York will hold its annual dinner at the Mohawk Golf Club, Schenectady, Saturday, March 5.

President Schurman and Professor Shearer will both be there. It is expected that this will be a big event, for the Schenectady alumni who have charge of the dinner had a high standard set by last year's dinner held at Albany.

### New England

Final reminder! The annual dinner will be held Saturday night of this week, at the Hotel Somerset, Boston. Business meeting at 6 p. m. sharp, followed by banquet. Tickets \$3.50. Mail your check and application to W. E. Pierce, treasurer, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Brookline, Mass.

### '92 Dinners

The '92 men of New York City and vicinity had another get-together dinner at the Cornell University Club on Saturday evening, January 27. Several who had expected to be present were detained, but E. A. Carolan, E. M. Sutliff, F. C. Moore, G. T. Hogg, G. L. Hoxie, R. J. LeBoeuf, D. L. Holbrook, L. N. Nichols, J. G. Parsons and F. E. Brewer gathered

and discussed ways and means for a large attendance at the Twenty Year Reunion. The next dinner will probably be on March 23. All '92 men are requested to take notice and save that date.

## Obituary

### Mrs. George Munro

Mrs. George Munro, the mother of Mrs. Schurman, died at her home in New York City at 8:30 o'clock Sunday night. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Schurman of Ithaca and Mrs. George W. Schurman of New York; two sons, W. W. Munro and John Munro of New York; two brothers, Ex-President Forrest of Dalhousie University and Alexander Forrest of Columbia, O.; and one sister, Mrs. Glendinning of Halifax.

### May Goodwin '03

Abby May Goodwin died on January 29 at the Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, N. C., after an operation for appendicitis. She was a niece of the late Professor George W. Jones and a sister of George S. Goodwin '99. Since her graduation from the University in 1903 she had been a teacher. Last year she returned to Ithaca for graduate work.

## University Preachers.

Following are the University Preachers up to the Easter recess:

Feb. 11-18-25. The Rev. Hugh Black, M. A., New York City.

March 10. The Rev. William Fraser McDowell, D. D., Chicago.

March 17. The Rev. Caspar René Gregory, Ph.D., D.D., LL.D., Professor of Theology in the University of Leipzig, Germany.

March 24. The Rev. John Timothy Stone, Chicago.

March 31. The Rev. William M. Brundage, D.D., Brooklyn.

During the first two weeks of the second term the Rev. Hugh Black, who will be the University preacher on February 11, 18 and 25, will deliver a course of ten lectures on the subject of "Reconstruction in Theology." The lectures will be given in Goldwin Smith amphitheatre daily at 4 o'clock.

Professor Nathaniel Schmidt was the guest of honor at a luncheon given yesterday by the Cornell Club of St. Louis at Lippe's Restaurant. He spoke on "Cornell's Place in the Academic World."

## Athletics

### New Football System

#### Reed and A. H. Sharpe Recommended for Coaches

The following official announcement was made this week:

"Word has been given out from the Athletic Office that the Field Committee and the Football Committee of the Athletic Council are prepared to recommend to the Council that Daniel A. Reed (Cornell) and Dr. A. H. Sharpe (Yale 1902) be engaged to coach the football team during the fall of 1912."

The recommendation of the two committees is practically equivalent to the election of Reed and Sharpe, for the negotiations which have preceded Dr. Sharpe's selection were undertaken with the knowledge and consent of the Athletic Council. Dr. Sharpe has made it known that he will accept the invitation if the Council adopts the recommendation of the committees.

It is understood that if he is appointed Dr. Sharpe will have all the authority necessary to establish a new system of coaching in Cornell football, to call in such assistant coaches as he may deem necessary, to select plays and plan strategy, and in general to direct the work of the eleven. At the same time Reed's skill in the coaching of the line, a skill which Dr. Sharpe himself recognizes, will not be lost. It is understood that Reed and Sharpe are both pleased at the prospect of working together.

Dr. Sharpe graduated at Yale in 1902. He played left halfback on the Yale eleven and was first baseman on the Yale nine. Since he received his degree in medicine he has been school physician at the Penn Charter School in Germantown, Philadelphia. He has coached the school football and baseball teams, and under his instruction they have been successful. He is well known as a football official and for the last three years he has officiated either as umpire or referee in the Pennsylvania-Cornell game. He has assisted in coaching Yale teams and is a student of the game.

Dr. Sharpe came to Ithaca early this week and was present at an all-

day meeting of the football committee of the Council and the football field committee—T. F. Fennell and George Young, jr., composing the latter, and the faculty adviser, graduate manager, football manager and captain constituting the former committee. His selection meets with the hearty approval of football men in Ithaca, including the present members of the team.

No announcement has been made regarding the length of time for which Dr. Sharpe's services are to be engaged, but the disposition of the athletic authorities is to give him ample time in which to build up at Cornell a system of football that may become self-perpetuating. It is likely that he will be asked to give his attention to football here for a term of years.

His selection marks a radical departure from the coaching scheme that has been in effect since 1906, when Glenn Warner resigned as head coach. A plan was then devised for supplying the team with Cornell graduates to act as coaches. It is revealing no secret to say that that plan has failed. It lacked continuity, and it led to confusion because different coaches taught various styles of play from year to year and even during a single season. Reed, who has been in charge for the last three years, has worked heroically to overcome the defects of the system, but the system has been too much for him.

### Hockey

The Princeton hockey team has won the championship of the intercollegiate league. It has gone through the season without a defeat in a league game, but in exhibition games was beaten once in a series of three with Yale, and once in a two-game series with Harvard. Cornell and Dartmouth will play the last game of the Cornell season on the Syracuse Arena rink, Saturday evening, February 17. The Cornell seven has not won a single league game and stands last in the ranking.

### Basketball

Dartmouth now holds first place in the intercollegiate basketball league, with Pennsylvania, Columbia and Cornell tied for second place. Next Saturday Cornell will play Yale in the Armory. Yale is at the foot of

the league, having lost four games and won only one. The Cornell team will have all the regular men in the line-up.

Cornell still has a fighting chance for the championship of the league. After the Yale contest Princeton and Dartmouth are to be played and Pennsylvania will be met in two games. The Halsted brothers and Kaufman are all in condition to play and with the regular men in the game once again, there is a chance that Cornell may win all of the coming contests. The standing:

|                        | Won | Lost | P.C. |
|------------------------|-----|------|------|
| Dartmouth . . . . .    | 4   | 1    | .800 |
| Pennsylvania . . . . . | 3   | 2    | .600 |
| Columbia . . . . .     | 3   | 2    | .600 |
| Cornell . . . . .      | 3   | 2    | .600 |
| Princeton . . . . .    | 2   | 5    | .286 |
| Yale . . . . .         | 1   | 4    | .200 |

### Indoor Track Schedule

The indoor track schedule has been ratified as follows:

February 10.—Boston Athletic Association games at Boston. One and two mile relay races with Pennsylvania.

February 17.—Columbia University meet in New York.

February 22.—Second Regiment meet at Troy. One mile relay race with Dartmouth.

March 1.—Sixty-fifth Regiment games at Buffalo. Four-mile relay race with Pennsylvania.

March 2.—Georgetown University meet at Washington, D. C. One-mile relay race. (Opposing team undetermined.)

March 9.—Pittsburgh Athletic Association games at Pittsburgh. Two-mile relay race with Pennsylvania.

March 30.—Cornell-Michigan dual meet at Ann Arbor.

### Football Rules

Several changes were made in the football rules by the rules committee at its annual meeting in New York last week. An attempt to weaken the defence and make scoring easier is seen in two or three of the rules. A team will have four tries, one more than last year, to make ten yards without losing the ball, and a forward pass over the goal line is to be permitted. The length of the playing field is reduced ten yards, also. The value of the touchdown is increased to six points, so that a touchdown and goal will be worth more than two field goals. The number of officials

is reduced. Following are the changes summarized:

Ten yards to gain in five downs or four tries, one more than last year.

Inside kick eliminated for the purpose of encouraging the running game.

Forward pass allowed over the goal line for a distance of ten yards for the purpose of weakening the defense inside the 25-yard line.

Twenty-yard zone on forward pass eliminated, with former provisions for interference with man receiving the pass retained.

On touchback, ball to be put in play from the 20-yard line instead of the 25-yard line, as heretofore.

Value of touchdown increased from five to six points. Other scoring values to remain the same.

Team winning the toss has option of kicking off or receiving the ball from kick-off, the losers of the toss, however, to have option at the beginning of the second half.

Playing field shortened from 110 yards to 100 yards.

Kick-off must be made from ten yards back of the centre of the field, or from the offensive side's 40-yard line.

Number of officials reduced by one, the field judge being eliminated, with his duties going to the head linesman.

Bounding ball over the crossbar not to count as a goal.

Intermission between first and second and third and fourth quarters reduced from two minutes to one minute.

F. O. Ritter, of New York, a sophomore in the special chemistry course, has been chosen assistant chime master after a competition which began early in the term. In his senior year Ritter will be chime master and F. E. Fiske, of St. Louis, who finished second in the competition, will be his assistant. The chime master this year and next is Harold E. Riegger '10, of New York, a graduate student in chemistry.

The Board of Trade of Springfield, Mass., is endeavoring to arrange a race on the Connecticut river between the varsity eights of Cornell and Harvard. The Cornell Athletic Association has been approached on the subject, but has not entered into any negotiations for a race at Springfield.

Undergraduates will register for the second term from 9 until 4 o'clock Saturday in Goldwin Smith Hall, Room C.

No trace has yet been found of Charles J. Evans, the sophomore who disappeared on January 14.

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'69, A. B.—John A. Rea, of Tacoma, a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Washington, was instrumental in obtaining for that university a chime of twelve bells, the gift of Colonel A. J. Blethen of Seattle. The bells have been ordered from Meneely & Co., of Watervliet, N. Y., and will be installed next September. Mr. Rea says he was present at the inaugural exercises of Cornell University in 1868, when Francis M. Finch presented, in behalf of Jennie McGraw, the original Cornell chime of nine bells, and that he got his inspiration for the present gift from that event.

'75, B. Arch.—A. W. Bulkley is a member of the law firm of Bulkley, Gray & Moore, and lives at 7154 Euclid Avenue, Chicago.

'76—Randolph Horton, who recently completed a term of office as Mayor of Ithaca, has been appointed a Justice of the State Supreme Court by Governor Dix. He succeeds the late Justice Henry B. Coman of Morrisville. The term of his appointment is December 31, 1912.

'77, B. S.—Charles S. Cobb is now in St. Louis and may be addressed in care of the Southern Surety Company, 400 New National Bank of Commerce Building.

'93, Sp.—F. W. Ballard has been appointed constructing engineer and charged with the task of erecting a new municipal lighting plant at Cleveland, Ohio.

'98, A. B.—Frank E. Gannett, of Elmira, has bought the *Ithaca Journal* from George E. Priest and the estate of Charles M. Benjamin. He took possession of the plant and assumed control of the paper on February 1. He is one of the owners and editors of the *Elmira Star-Gazette* and will retain his interest in that property. Gannett was on the *Sun* and the *Magazine* when he was an undergraduate. Afterward he was editor of the *ALUMNI NEWS* and editor and business manager of the *Ithaca Daily News*. In 1905 he became editor of the *Pittsburgh Index*, and a year later he acquired an interest in the *Star-Gazette* of Elmira.

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has been assistant to the general manager of the Rochester Railway & Light Company, has been elected vice-president and general manager of the Schenectady Illuminating Company. Before going to Rochester in 1907, Mr. Peck was with the consolidated gas, electric light and power company of Baltimore. His resignation at Rochester takes effect on February 8. In his new position at Schenectady he will succeed M. Webb Offutt '02.

'01, M. E.—Hughes Massie is a member of the London firm of Curtis Brown & Massie, literary and dramatic agents. His firm recently opened an office in New York. It has branches or representatives in several European countries and manages the literary business of many American, English and French writers. Mr. Massie married the eldest daughter of Dr. Charles Mellen Tyler, emeritus professor of philosophy in Cornell.

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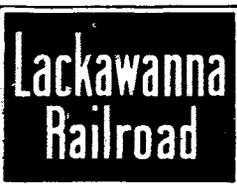
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'02, A. B.—William Roland Taylor is general manager of the St. Francois County Railroad Company, Farmington, Missouri.

'03, A. B.; '09, Ph. D.—Louise F. Brown, who is now an instructor in Wellesley College, lately received the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize of \$200, offered every two years by the American Historical Association for the best essay on European history. She is the first woman to win this honor. "Political Activities of the Baptist and Fifth Monarchy Men During the Commonwealth and Protectorate" was the title of her essay.

'04, M. E.—Charles A. Roberts is superintendent of the New London Gas & Electric Company, New London, Conn.

'06, A. B.—Mr. and Mrs. Curt B. Mueller of Cleveland, Ohio, announce the birth of a son, Curt Geuder Mueller, on January 26.

'07, A. B.; '11, M. D.—Wesley M. Baldwin is a student in the Anatomical Institute at Bonn, Germany.

'07, M. E.—Arthur Knapp's address is Box 20, Maricopa, Cal. He is in the oil business.

'08, M. E.; '08, A. B.—Mr. Laurence S. Brady announces the marriage of his sister, Josephine, to Sidney D. Gridley, on January 27, at Philadelphia.

'08, M. E.—G. P. Jackson is with the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company and lives at 946 President Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'08, M. E.—Robert J. Cooper is chief engineer for the Yale & Reagan Construction Company and is at present working on the construction of levees along the Mississippi River at St. Louis. His address is 3871 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo.

'09, M. E.—After March 1 the address of C. E. Torrance, jr., will be 237 Main Street, Northampton, Mass. He is treasurer and mechanical engineer of the Northampton Emery Wheel Company, Leeds, Mass.

'10, M. E.—Willard P. Chandler, jr., is in the inspection department of the Carnegie Steel Company at Clairton, Pa.

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