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PROFESSOR FUERTES DIES.

Well-Known Director of College of Civil Engineering Passes Away—Shock To the University.

The entire University was saddened Friday by the news that Professor E. A. Fuertes, the former dean and director of the college of civil engineering had died at his home in East avenue. He had been seriously ill only three days and the news of his death came as a shock to students and professors alike who were sobered by the sense of the loss of a friend and highly respected teacher.

Only last Monday Professor Fuertes went to Syracuse on a business trip. On his return he appeared in as good health as usual but he contracted a severe cold which rapidly developed into what was called la grippe. Professor Fuertes for years had been the victim of Bright's disease and his already enfeebled constitution was not able to withstand the attacks of the new disease. After lingering near death for an entire day he passed away peacefully at 5:30 o'clock Friday morning.

At his bedside when the end came were nearly all the surviving members of his family who are: Mrs. Fuertes, James Hillhouse Fuertes of New York, a well known civil engineer, Louis Agassiz Fuertes, '97, the noted bird artist of this city, Estevan J. Fuertes of Cayuga, Mrs. Edward Hitchcock, jr., and Miss Katherine Fuertes of this city.

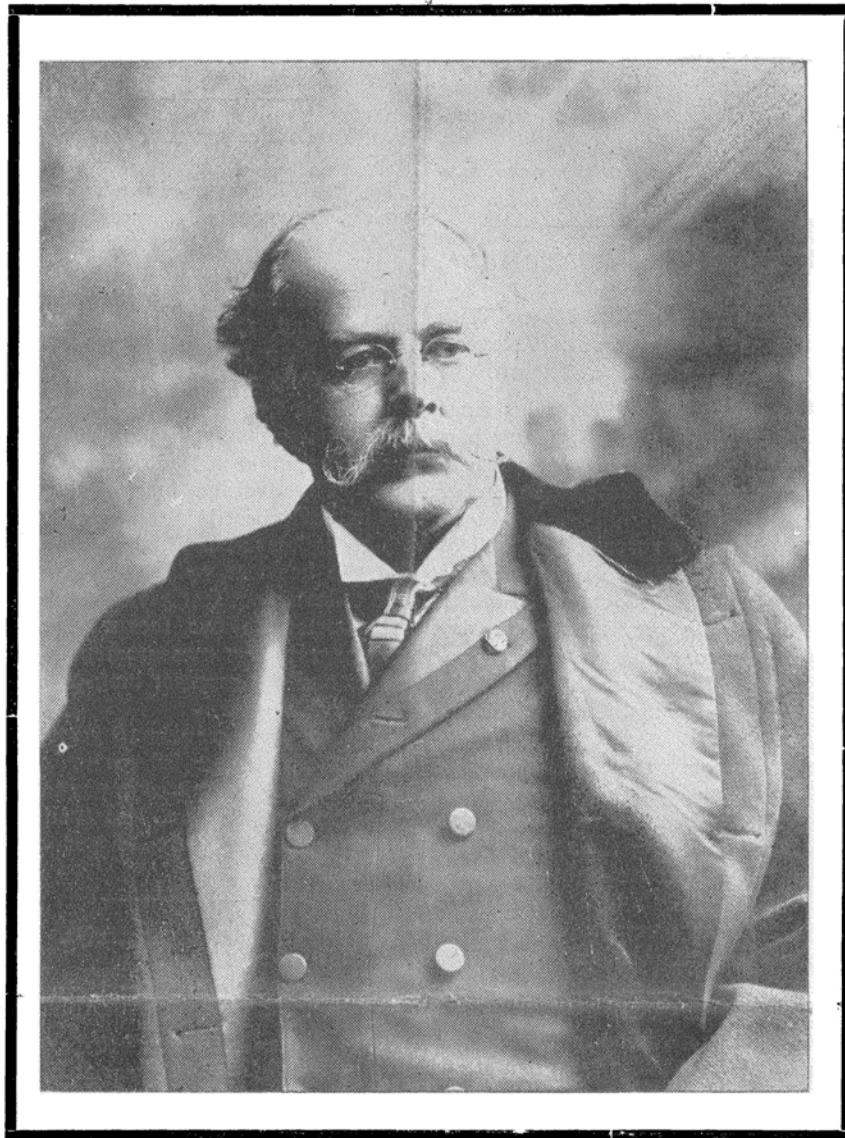
Suffer Heavy Loss.

Few of the members of the Faculty were better known than was Professor Fuertes. To the students in his own department he especially endeared himself while among the graduates of the great college which he built up he was held in the highest esteem and to the many scores of alumni who owe their success in life primarily to his long and tireless efforts the news of his death will be sad, indeed.

Those who were associated with him in his work were deeply affected when they learned of their loss. Professor Church, who for many years had known him intimately expressed the sentiment of the others when he said that Professor Fuertes had won the regard and affection of all with whom he had worked in the common cause of building up the college of civil engineering.

"His death touches us all very deeply," he added. "As a man he was always faithful to his work, and as an administrator of the college he had a strict devotion to its best interests. Professor Fuertes had travelled widely in Europe and North and South America, and he brought to his work at Cornell an experience which had given him a clear insight into the needs of the college.

"His associates in the world of civil engineering have repeatedly shown him honor in electing him to high offices in the society of civil engineers. His brusque manner covered a warm and generous heart. It will never be known the struggling students he had quietly aided, nor the silent deeds of



kindness and help by which he has won the gratitude of the poverty-stricken of the city."

Sketch of His Life.

An excellent sketch of Professor Fuertes' life by H. N. Ogden, '89, was given in the Alumni News of November 12, on the occasion of his resignation from the position of director of the college of civil engineering after 30 years of service. In addition we might briefly mention here again a few of the more important facts in regard to his career.

Estevan Antonio Fuertes was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 10, 1838, the son of Estevan and Demetria (Charbonnier). He was given an academic education and received the degrees of Ph. D. and C. E. before entering upon his work as an engineer. He at once was appointed to responsible government positions and was made director of the public works of the western district of the island in the year 1862. In 1863 he came to the United States and was first assistant engineer and later engineer for the Croton aqueduct board in New York city.

In 1870-1, he was the engineer in chief of the United States expedition to Nicaragua and Tehuantepec to enquire into the feasibility of an isthmian ship canal. Later as a consulting engineer in New York he became identified with numerous extensive engineering enterprises in this country and South America.

In 1873 he was called to Cornell to become the dean of the department of engineering and at once pushed his college to the front.

The success of his administration is shown by the present standing of the college and the records of his graduates. More than one-half of the graduates of the college now hold positions of unusual responsibility and they have done a great deal to elevate the profession in this country.

In addition to this University work, Dean Fuertes engaged in much outside work, calculated to contribute to engineering knowledge. For example for 16 years until the government took charge of the work he personally directed and recorded meteorological conditions, realizing their application to engineering problems, and for this purpose he contributed valuable apparatus and paid for clerical service from his own pocket.

His resignation as director and dean of the College of Civil Engineering was announced November 7. Two years ago, under the strain of administrative duties, an organic trouble developed, which for the entire spring term kept him away from the college for the most part in a New York hospital.

Shortly after his return it was evident his strength was not equal to the administrative demands of the college and its many-sided interests, and he resigned.

Even at his resignation, he declined

to sever his connection with the University and was appointed professor of astronomy in charge of the A. C. Barnes observatory. He was preparing to enter his new work enthusiastically when seized with the final illness.

By Dr. R. H. Thurston.

An excellent estimation of the loss which Cornell sustains in the death of Professor Fuertes can be gathered from the following from the pen of Dr. R. H. Thurston of Sibley College, who knew him and his work well:

A man is very rarely great in the view of his acquaintances, seldom of his generation. His usually commonplace everyday life is too constantly before them and his greatest achievements require a certain perspective; yet we may, if we look for them, readily discover and often may appreciate the noblest works. Those of our colleague will be recognized by professional, if not by non-professional, contemporaries and will be later discovered to be essential elements of the history both of his profession and of modern education.

He introduced modern methods, scientific and technical, into the public works of his native island. He was a pioneer in the reduction of the elementary facts of topography and geodesy, relating to the vast problem of making a ship-canal across the great barrier between the two oceans, to rule and measure and did much more than had most explorers to make that tremendous task possible of accomplishment. He exerted all the powerful influences of exact knowledge, correct professional practice and honest dealing in favor of righteous and wholesome administration of public office at a time when the Tweed regime was in full swing.

He surrendered all expectation of a successful professional life, and of competency in old age, and for thirty years worked and studied and met difficulties and disappointments and hopes deferred without once leaving the path which he had definitely marked out as leading toward his goal—the firm foundation of a professional school that should stand high as a model in combining the science and the art of engineering in its curriculum and as affording the ambitious and competent novice entrance into his intended profession as well prepared as the learning and best practice of the time should permit.

He risked his health and professional career in the sweltering climate of the West Indies and a future colony of the United States was advantaged by his art. He risked his life amidst mountains and chasms and unexplored forests and plains between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and his adopted country is today profiting by his work. He risked life as well as reputation and professional career, in the endeavor to sustain an honest patriotism against the aggressions of unpatriotic and dishonest officials and of selfish and dishonest men in civil life, both classes seeking profit at the expense of the honest citizen.

Finally he surrendered life and for-

tune that the young men entering his profession might profit by his sacrifice, that the profession and the country and the world might be gainers by the most complete possible union of science with art, that Cornell University might be aided in the endeavor to carry into effect Ezra Cornell's noblest aspirations and that its College of Civil Engineering might illustrate most perfectly the ideals of the Founder and himself and stand forever as a model of best educational method and of most splendid accomplishment. He gave his whole life for the country of his adoption, for the advantage of his profession and died in the promotion of the best interests of the University and of his own greatest work, its College of Civil Engineering.

The mere statement of the facts constitute his highest possible eulogy. His greatest monument is erected on the Campus of Cornell. His memory will endear in the hearts of his pupils and his later beneficiaries of coming generations, of his family and near friends who witnessed his labors, his disappointments and his successes, of all his professional colleagues who admired his work from afar but who, better than can any others, thoroughly understood and appreciated the greatest works of that aspiring soul.

FUNERAL HELD

Impressive Service Over Remains of the Late Professor E. A. Fuertes—Sad Procession to Chapel.

The last sad rites were performed Monday afternoon over the body of Professor E. A. Fuertes, professor of astronomy and former dean and director of the College of Civil Engineering. A short private service for the immediate family of the deceased was conducted at his late home at 2:30 o'clock by Professor Charles Babcock. At the conclusion of this ceremony the remains were taken to Sage chapel, where the public funeral was held.

The chapel was filled with a great assemblage which had gathered to pay a final tribute to the man who stood for so much in the history and development of the University. The colleagues of Professor Fuertes in the faculty, many townsmen who had been numbered among his friends, and students who knew him either as a personal instructor or as the head of one of the great colleges of the University had all gathered for the funeral.

The students of his own College of Civil Engineering had assembled at Lincoln hall and marched over to the chapel, where they occupied a large block of seats on the north side. The marshals of the procession were H. F. Badger, jr., D. F. Fulton, R. E. Marvin and J. S. Slater, of the senior class; L. R. Ellis and Haines Gridley, of the junior class; H. W. Pitzman and Milo Cleveland from the sophomores; and J. H. Sheble and H. C. Francis of the class of 1906.

The bearers were: Professor G. C. Caldwell, Professor B. G. Wilder, Professor L. A. Wait, Professor J. M. Hart, Professor C. L. Crandall and Professor I. P. Church.

The honorary bearers were: President J. G. Schurman, the Hon. S. D. Haliday, R. B. Williams, G. R. Williams, Dean T. F. Crane and Dean R. H. Thurston.

As the procession entered the chapel and passed slowly up the aisle, a hush fell on the assemblage. Profes-

sor Charles Mellen Tyler read passages from the Episcopal service, while Mr. Daland played a low funeral march on the organ.

When the casket had been placed in the open space in front of the apse, Dr. Tyler read a brief service, at the conclusion of which those who desired were given an opportunity to review the remains. When the audience had dispersed, the remains were borne to Lakeview for interment. The ceremony at the chapel though very brief, by its very brevity and simplicity lent additional impressiveness to the occasion.

All University exercises were suspended at noon for the day.

CORNELLIAN IN GUATAMALA.

H. H. Morehouse, '89, Meets With Misfortune In Eruption of Volcano "Santa Maria"—Will Return.

H. H. Morehouse, '89, who since graduation has spent the greater part of his time in Guatamala writes to the News under the date of December 23, as follows:

"I was greatly surprised as well as pleased on December 21 to receive a copy of the News of October 29, which though arriving very late in the day proved so interesting that I was impelled to read it through at once from cover to cover including advertisements.

"It is now over 13 years since I left the University and I have spent practically all that intervening time in this city—8000 feet above the sea—connected with the electric light and telephone industries. I first came under contract as an electrical engineer to get the electric light plant, then in its infancy, out of difficulties.

"Later I was made, by the owners, manager, then given an interest in the profits, helped install a local and afterwards a long distance telephone service and formed in 1896 the firm of Morehouse and Morrill, electrical engineers and contractors.

"In 1899 we leased the electric light, local telephone company and long distance telephone company for a term of years and had made all preliminary arrangements for their purchase when, early in the auspicious year of 1902, those unknowable seismic disturbances began their work in this district about three weeks before the Pelee disaster; and in about 30 to 40 seconds on the night of April 18, shook us most unmercifully and destroyed not only our home but our business with all its brilliant prospects as well.

"Bad earthquakes continued all through the summer and on September 23 came another very severe one. Then, beginning October 24, started the climax in the form of a genuine volcanic eruption which lasted with almost no abatement for five whole days.

"This city is very near the base of the volcano 'Santa Maria,' which to all intents and purposes appeared to be the deadest variety of an extinct volcano; but now she has opened up most genuinely and vomitted many cubic miles of stone and sand and ash over thousands of miles square of territory in Guatemala and Mexico. She is still smoking and does so constantly with every now and then a harder puff and once in a week, or so an eruption of more sand and ash.

"All this has been the immediate cause of my deciding to break away from this barren, desolate and financially ruined country and we now plan

to leave in the early spring for the states, where we propose to re-establish ourselves in this same general line of engineering.

"Trusting soon to be settled again in my beloved native land which we, who have been isolated from it for many years, can thoroughly appreciate, and likewise promising myself the exceptional pleasure of visiting my alma mater before very long, I am

Very Fraternally,

H. H. MOREHOUSE."

Yale's Freshmen Younger.

Dr. Jay W. Seaver of the Yale gymnasium has reported the results of the physical examination of the members of the freshman class.

The average age is 18 years 11 months and 15 days, two months younger than last year's class. The average weight is 135.5 pounds, average height five feet nine inches and average lung capacity 277 cubic inches, as against 265 cubic inches last year. The average measurement of the inflated chest is 36.8 inches.

The lightest man weighs 94 pounds and the heaviest weighs 207 pounds. The tallest is six feet 3.8 inches, while the shortest is five feet 2.8 inches. The largest chest measurement is 43.8 inches and the greatest lung capacity is 640 cubic inches.

The youngest man is 16 years one month, the oldest 26 years eight months. Only 20 per cent. use tobacco, about 10 per cent. less than the college average. Only 10 per cent. do not swim.

Gets Valuable Manuscript.

Dr. A. C. White of the University library, is congratulating himself upon the acquisition of a very valuable facsimile copy of the manuscript of the plays of Aristophanes in Greek.

The 172 pages of manuscript are richly annotated by medieval commentators and furnish the first means to Cornell students of studying the plays of the ancient Greek poet in manuscript form. It is called the Codex Venetus, which, next to the Codex Ravennas, is the most valuable manuscript of Aristophanes in existence.

The volume is edited by Professor J. W. White of Harvard University, and is published by the Oxford University press. The present manuscript was copied about the year 1100.

Short Course Registration.

The registration of winter course students was completed last week. In agriculture 65 are registered, and in dairying 54, making 119 in all, a much larger number than ever before. No lockers were available for these short course students although they are supposed to have the privilege of using the facilities of the gymnasium. A member of the faculty said it was absolute danger for the winter course students to come from a life of continual exercise to a place where none was possible.

"OR, E.E.—The recent item in regard to George Stuart Lang should have read: Mr. Lang has left the General Electric Company, and is now assistant to the resident engineer of the American Trading Company, Broad Exchange Building, New York City. The resident engineer, E. M. Sutliff, graduated from Cornell in '93.

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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.

'74, Ph.D.—E. O. Randall reporter of the supreme court at Columbus, Ohio, and also professor of law in Ohio State University, has recently published a book entitled "The Negotiable Instruments of Law."

'72, M.S. et al.—The new Universal Cyclopedia and Atlas, published by Appletons, has on its editorial board Professor Bailey, President Jordan of the Stanford University, Professor Nichols and Dr. R. H. Thurston. Among those who contribute articles are Professors Barr, Bedell, Burr, Comstock, Crane, DeGarmo, Gage, Jenks and Hull.

'75, B.S.—Professor E. L. Nichols has been appointed delegate to represent the University at the installation of William Lowe Bryan, Ph.D., as president of Indiana University, at Bloomington, Ind. Professor Nichols will also deliver an address at the dedication of the new Hall of Physics at that institution.

'77, B. S.—Commencing Monday, January 19, Professor S. H. Gage will deliver a series of lectures on embryology at the Cornell Medical College in New York City.

'87, A.B.—The January number of the School Review, published by the University of Chicago, contains an article on "The education value of examinations for admission to college," by James E. Russell, formerly principal of Cascadilla school in this city, and now dean of the Teachers' college, Columbia university.

'80, B.S.; '81, M.S.—Hosea Webster, who is in the employ of the Babcock and Wilcox Boiler Co., was in the city recently on business relating to an addition to the University heating plant.

'84, Ph.B., '88 Ph.D.—Philip Ayres, forester to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, has been delivering a course of lectures for the society in various parts of that state.

'86, Ph.B.—Professor G. D. Harris, of the department of paleontology and stratigraphic geology, is completing the survey of Louisiana, on which he has been engaged for some time. He is assisted by C. E. Smith and E. S. Lines, '04, of the Cornell department, and several members of the United States geodetic survey, three men from the division of soils, United States department of Agriculture, and several members of the United States geological survey.

'87, B.S.—Dr. V. A. Moore delivered a lecture in the Auditorium at Elmira on January 16. The subject was "Milk, from the producers' and consumers' standpoint."

'87, B.S.—A recent meeting of the Medical Society was addressed by Professor V. A. Moore on the subject "National associations and their work."

'90, C.E.; et al.—Professor Gardner S. Williams of Valentine Place, this

city, has received notification from Charles Warren Hunt, secretary of the American Society of Civil Engineers, that he has been awarded the Norman Medal on his paper, "Experiments at Detroit, Mich., on the Effect of Curvature upon the Flow of Water in Pipes." The discussion was held last spring, the following Cornell men taking part in it: Edward C. Murphy, Cornell '84, of Ithaca; E. E. Haskell, Cornell, '79, of Detroit, Mich.; Edward S. Cole, Cornell, '94, Chicago, Ill.; Wager Fisher, Cornell, '99, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Arthur Adams, Cornell, '00, of Utica; Charles W. Sherman, Cornell, '95, of Boston, Mass., and also Professor I. P. Church of the University. The original paper comprises 192 pages with a concluding discussion by the author of 34 pages and makes a volume of 369 pages.

'87, B. S.—Grant McCargo is now president of the Pittsburg Lubricating Oil Company, one of the companies controlled by the Standard Oil corporation. Mr. McCargo is widely interested in manufacturing companies at Pittsburg and elsewhere.

'90, B.L.—Miss Ella T. Barrett is teaching languages in the high school in Albion, N. Y.

'90, B.S. in Agr.—The Farmers' institute of the state met January 15th, 16th and 17th, at Gouverneur. Among those who spoke were J. E. Rice, '90, on the topic "Practical Poultry Keeping," G. W. Cavanaugh, '96, on "Half an Hour with a Chemist," J. Van Wagenen, jr., '91, on "The Farmers' Education," and J. W. Spencer of the agricultural college, on "Nature Study for the School."

'91, B.S.—Ida H. Hyde, who was recently elected to membership in the American Physiological Society has been appointed to fill a professorship of physiology in the University of Kansas.

'91, M.E.—F. B. Cowan is chief draughtsman of the Franklin, Pa., branch of the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company.

'92, E.E.—T. H. Knight recently risked his life in an act of pure heroism in the effort to save the life of a employe who had received an electric shock. Mr. Knight is superintendent of the Snoqualmie Power Company of Seattle, Wash. On October 20 one of his employes received a heavy shock while installing some machinery in a new power station, and was thrown into a network of wires carrying a 27000 volt current. Mr. Knight saw the accident and rushed to the scaffold to try and rescue the man but was rendered unconscious himself and so badly burned that his hands had to be amputated, and he was otherwise severely burned. His recovery is expected.

'92, C.E.—William G. Atwood is division engineer of the Alaska Central Railway, with headquarters in Seattle, Wash.

'94, M.M.E.—Samuel H. Barraclough now occupies the chair of electrical engineering in the University of Sydney, South Australia.

'96, B.L.—Harry L. Powers is engaged in insurance and real estate business in Portland, Ore.

'96, C.E.—Frank S. Senior is with Arthur McMullen and Company, contracting engineers. He is now employed in Steubenville, Ohio.

'96, Ph.B.; '01, D.V.M.—Dr. R. C. Reed, for several years instructor in bacteriology in the Veterinary College, is at present a practicing veterinarian in Elmira. He has recently been appointed bacteriologist of the

board of health of that city, and veterinarian to the milk commission of the Elmira Academy of Medicine. Dr. Reed is also an officer of the Humane Society.

'97, M.E.—Kenneth G. Stuart is with the Batcheller Pneumatic Tube Company, in the Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.

'97, M.E.—H. A. Otterson is assistant engineer with the Ridgway Dynamo and Engine Company.

'97, M.E.—J. E. Hodgson is with the Eastchester Electric Company, in Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

'97, B.S.—Louis A. Fuertes has made thirty full-page drawings in pencil which have just been published by MacMillan in "A Handbook of the Birds of the Western United States," by Florence Merriam Bailey.

'98, M.E.—Alton A. Richardson is now residing in Niagara Falls, N. Y.

'98, A.B.; '02, M.D.—Charles Melvin Mix is assistant surgeon at the New York hospital, No. 8 West 15th street. He is on ambulance duty on alternate days.

'98, A.B.; '02, Ph.D.—Mary J. Ross now attending the Medical College at Johns Hopkins University, has published in booklet form her doctor's thesis, entitled, "The origin and development of the gastric glands of desmognathus, amblystoma, and pig."

'98, LL.B.—Charles B. Swartwood is practicing law in Elmira, N. Y.

'99, A.B.—Miss Frances E. Chapman is in charge of the history department of one of the Greater New York high schools. Her home is in Woodside, Long Island.

'99, LL.B.—Clinton C. Page is practicing law in Trumansburg, N. Y.

'99, A.B.—James Andrews is in business in Miles City, Montana.

'99, A.B.—The address of George W. Bauder, is 230 Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

Ex-'99.—The engagement of Miss Daisy Heath, daughter of Major and Mrs. Frank Heath of the United States Arsenal at Frankford, Pa., to Charles Joseph Ramsburg of Philadelphia, has been announced. Mr. Ramsburg, better known as "Bunnie," was leader of the Glee Club when he left college in his junior year and was a member of Delta Upsilon and of Aleph Samach.

'00, C.E.—R. F. Proctor's address is 33, Campau Building, Detroit, Mich.

'00, A.B.—Miss J. E. Bowman is teaching in the Hornellsville high school.

'00, LL.B.—William J. Brannen has entered his father's business at his home in Bolivar, Allegany County, N. Y. He is dealing in oil lands and doing contract machine work.

'00, B.S.—E. T. Magoffin of the firm of Dill & Baldwin of New York City, who represented the Westinghouse Company at the session of court here last week, was spoken of by Mr. Dill while the latter was in Ithaca, as one of the most promising young men on his staff.

'01, F.E.—Abraham Knechtel has conducted large forest plantations the last two years for the New York Forest, Fish and Game Commission in the Catskills and Adirondacks. Last spring he had charge of the planting of over half a million seedlings on seven hundred acres of burnt-over land near Clear Lake in the Adirondacks, following out the State's policy of reclaiming the waste lands.

'01, A.B.—Miss Amy C. Shanks is now at Round Lake, N. Y.

'01, A.B.—Don E. Smith is residing at 16 Ardmore avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

'01, C.E.—Charles E. Mollard, who is with the American Bridge Company, is now located at 57 East Grant street, New Castle, Pa. He has been stationed for some time in Pittsburg.

'01, M.E.—The engagement of Miss Helene Bloodgood, a prominent society woman of Brooklyn, to F. W. Mastin has recently been announced.

'01, E.E.—Theodore F. Borst has charge of the extensive planting operations, which the Metropolitan Water Board of Massachusetts is carrying on, starting large plantations of cedar about their various reservoirs. He will be made forester to the state of Massachusetts as soon as the office is created by the legislature.

'01, A.B.—Carl O. Voegelin is teaching in the high school at Trenton, N. J. His address is 419 Chestnut Ave.

'01, B.S.A.—M. M. Underdown, who is at present in the employ of the Brazilian government, has a four column article in the current number of the Country Gentleman on "Coffee Raising in Brazil." It is illustrated with many pictures of the agricultural conditions near Sao Paulo. One of the pictures shows the house of the vice-president of the state, Domingos de Moraes, who graduated from Cornell in the class of 1877.

'01, A.B.—James O'Malley has been lately visiting in Ithaca. He has now recovered from his recent illness and will practice law in Buffalo.

'01, LL.B.—Woodward W. Sears is teaching in the commercial department of the high school in Dunkirk, N. Y.

Ex-'02—B. C. Sloat is employed as a marine engineer in the Norfolk Navy Yard.

'02, C.E.—Charles H. Snyder is with the Cambria Steel Company in Johnstown, Pa.

Ex-'02—F. G. Grimshaw resides at 1230 Thirteenth avenue, Altoona, Pa.

'02, A. B.—F. N. Meeker is visiting in Ithaca.

Ex-'04—R. A. Turnbull, who played end on the 'Varsity the season of '01, is studying medicine this year at the University of Buffalo. He played end on the football team throughout the fall.

'02, M. E.—H. E. Beyer is in the engineering department of the Brown Hoist Company at Cleveland, O. His address is 1233 Curtiss avenue.

'02, M. E.—W. D. Whitney is with the Stanley Electric Manufacturing Company. His address is 20 Hamlin street, Pittsfield, Mass.

Sp., Forestry—A. V. Stubenrauch is assistant in horticulture at the University of California.

Sp., Forestry—E. H. Davis is an instructor in Forestry in the University of Michigan.

Sp., Forestry—F. W. Fassett is engaged in lumbering near Wellsville, N. Y.

Sp., Forestry—Alfred Haines is an instructor in forestry at the Westtown Boarding school in Pennsylvania.

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Calendar of Coming Events.

Jan. 22, Thursday--Basketball: Cornell vs. Harvard at Ithaca.

" 30, Friday--First University term closes.

Feb. 2, Monday--Registration for second term.

" 2, Monday--Junior week begins.

" 3, Tuesday--Masque production of "Trelawney of the Wells," in the Lyceum at Ithaca.

" 4, Sophomore cotillion, in the Armory, at Ithaca.

" 5, Thursday--Glee Club concert, in the Lyceum, at Ithaca.

" 6, Friday--Junior promenade, in the Armory, at Ithaca.

" 12, Thursday--First competition for Columbia debate team.

" 15, Monday--Final competition and choosing of Columbia debate team.

PROFESSOR FUERTES.

Professor Fuertes, who for some years has been in very poor health, has suddenly, though not altogether unexpectedly, been taken away from us. His gradual withdrawal and, more recently, his complete retirement from the work of the College of Civil Engineering has been a serious loss to that College and to the entire University. His lectures, combining, as they did, the knowledge of the scientist with the experience and wisdom of the practical engineer, were valuable to undergraduates, but still more valuable, as they recall them, to graduates who have entered upon the active practice of their profession. But his teachings were directed not merely to the professional training of those under him but he ever endeavored both by his own example and by personal exhortation, to impress upon the minds of his students that the highest type of manhood was essential to the greatest success of the engineer.

Professor Fuertes' monument at Cornell University is the College of

Civil Engineering which was created by him and the men whom he selected as his coadjutors in the work of instruction; but at this time neither his colleagues nor his old students would think so much of the work that has been done as of the man who did it. His was a personality radiant with engaging charm and affection. A man of scientific training and interests, he was still more a man of emotion and of tender heart, and on this side of his nature he often seemed ill-attuned to this rough, work-a-day, practical world.

Such men are often misunderstood and Professor Fuertes did not altogether escape that fate, yet his sympathies and affection naturally went out to all his fellows and no one felt sadder than he when obstructions were interposed to their spontaneous flow; and the friends who knew him best loved him most dearly. His vital relations with others were always through the affections, and, now that his work on earth is done, many are left behind who feel that one of the dearest of ties has been sundered.

J. G. SCHURMAN.

PREPARING FOR EXAMS.

The latter part of this week nearly all branches of athletic activity will suspend training on account of the mid-winter examinations.

The baseball candidates intend to cease work today or tomorrow. The hockey team on the twenty-second will return from New York after having played Yale and Princeton. The freshmen crew candidates who now number close to 150 will also take a rest. The track men who have an unusually heavy schedule this year will devote all their time to books and the basketball team after its game with Harvard on the twenty-second will discontinue practice until the finals are off the slate. The first game for the five next term will be on the thirteenth of February with Yale at Ithaca.

Fencers, lacrosse players, chess devotees and members of the newly formed whist club will join the popular throng and quit play for the hard grind. Even the toboggan slide and ice at Beebe lake, which have been so popular during the last few weeks, will be deserted until the "hours" are "passed up."

Those who are on the committees of arrangements for Junior week, the members of the Musical Clubs, and of the Masque will be about the only ones who will spend a single moment away from the grind for the finals during the coming week.

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JUNIOR WEEK EVENTS.

Arrangements All Complete For Social Season—Cotillion In Armory—Fraternity Dances.

Junior Week is the first in February this year. It will doubtless bring back to Ithaca the usually large number of alumni, to participate in the various events of this pre-eminent social week.

The preparations which have been made for this year are somewhat more elaborate than heretofore, and this fact, in connection with the increased interest in University affairs among Cornell alumni throughout the country, is likely to make the week notable in the social annals of the University.

The first event of the week will be on Tuesday evening, February 3. The Masque will give a presentation of "Trelawney of the Wells," by Pinero, an unusually difficult undertaking, but the cast has done consistent work under the coaching of Mr. Hawn, and a faithful and creditable interpretation is assured. W. W. Roney, '03, is stage-manager. The play will be given in the Lyceum. The Masque presentation will be followed by fraternity dances at the Phi Delta Theta, the Phi Kappa Psi, and the Sigma Chi houses.

Wednesday afternoon the annual theatricals of Psi Upsilon fraternity will be given at its lodge. In the evening the sophomore cotillion will be given for the first time in the Armory. W. W. Baldwin, '05, is chairman of the committee. The first dance, a waltz, will start promptly at 9 o'clock. The first two-step and second waltz will be played, and then will come the five cotillion figures.

Directly after the cotillion figures, at about 11:15 p. m., the supper dances will begin.

The musical program is as follows:

Waltzes.

1. Lazarre, Blanke.
2. Dream of Heaven, Nevin.
3. Monte Cristo, Carmon.
4. Foxy Quiller, DeKoven.
5. Synplia, Holzman.
6. Toreador, Caryll.
7. Could You Be True to Eyes of Blue, Cobb and Edwards.
8. Palms, Topani.
9. Florodora, Stuart.
10. Amoureuse, Berger.
11. Violets, Wright.
12. Cyrano Waltzes, Herbert.
13. Rosary, Nevin.
14. Maid Marian, DeKoven.
15. In the Good Old Summer Time, Dresser.
16. Miss Simplicity, Heartz.

Two-Steps.

1. The Defender, Dunne.
2. Dreamy Eyes, Lampe.
3. Invincible Eagle, Lousa.
4. I'll Be Your Rainbeau, Bloom.
5. The Strollers, Englander.
6. Warbler's Serenade, Perry.
7. Bill Bailey, Cannon.
8. Pan American, Herbert.
9. A Chinese Honeymoon, Hoffman.
10. Boola, Hirsch.
11. Halimar, Banta.
12. Dolly Varden, Edwards.
13. Our Director, Bigelow.
14. Runaway Girl, Monckton.
15. High Society, Steele.

During the afternoon of Thursday, Psi Upsilon fraternity will present theatricals, and Delta Tau Delta will hold a reception. In the evening, the Cornell Glee and Mandolin Clubs will give a concert at the Lyceum. The

work of the musical clubs this year has been of high grade, and the clubs are preparing to sustain the reputation made on their holiday trip.

The concert will be followed by dances at the Delta Kappa Epsilon, the Kappa Alpha, the Phi Gamma Delta, and the Kappa Sigma fraternity houses.

The Prom.

Junior week reaches its culmination in the junior promenade in the Armory Friday evening, February 6. The decorations for the Armory will surpass anything in the past.

The waltzes will be played by Coleman's orchestra, and the two-steps by the Ithaca band. The list is as follows:

Waltzes.

1. Colonial Girl, VanBaar.
2. Echoes From the Vienna Woods, Strauss.
3. Selections from "Foxy Quiller," DeKoven.
4. In the Good Old Summer Time, Dresser.
5. Under the Shade of the Palm, Stuart.
6. Selections from "The Wild Rose," Lueder.
7. Valse Beue, Margie.
8. Selections from "Maid Marian," DeKoven.
9. The Rosary, Nevin.
10. Selections from "Dolly Varden," Edwards.
11. Chiquita, LeField.
12. Selections from "The Toreador," Caryll.
13. Violets, Wright.
14. Selections from the "Silver Slipper," Stuart.
15. Amoureuse, Rosey.
16. Selections from "The Mocking Bird.
17. Crown of Beauty, Bennett.
18. Lazarre, Blanke.
19. Selections from "The Country Girl," Monckton.
20. Senerade, Espagnola, Rosey.
21. Azalea, Hartz.

Two-Steps.

1. Japanese Cherry Blossoms, Stromberg.
2. Pinky Panky Poo.
3. Selections from "Dolly Varden," Edwards.
4. Mr. Dooley, Schwartz.
5. Dreamy Eyes, Lampe.
6. Selections from "Maid Marian," DeKoven.
7. Nancy Brown.
8. Selections from "The Country Girl," Monckton.
9. Our Director, Bigelow.
10. Halimar, Banta.
11. Selections from "The Mocking Bird."
12. Pan-American, Herbert.
13. Selections from "The Silver Slipper," Stuart.
14. Flirtation Song from "The Strollers," Englander.
15. With Sword and Lance, Starke.
16. Selections from "Foxy Quiller," DeKoven.
17. Mississippi Bubble, Haines.
18. Selections from "The Chinese Honeymoon."
19. I want to be a Military Man, Stewart.
20. Boys Before the Mast, Dennee.

The fifth annual dinner of the new England Cornell Club was held at the University Club in Boston Saturday, January 10.

'08, L.L.B.—A. S. Loving is residing in Kirksville, Mo.

PRESIDENT RETURNS.

Dr. Schurman Completes Western Trip—Addresses Farmers' Club At Lockport—New Suggestion.

President Schurman closed his western trip on Saturday afternoon at Lockport, N. Y., where he spoke before a large audience composed of members of the Niagara County Farmers' Club on "The Forward Movement in Agriculture in New York State." The address was significant in that it contained certain important recommendations for solving that very perplexing problem of the better education of the rural population.

To give the young man the best education for practical farming in a minimum amount of time President Schurman made two suggestions: the maintenance of the present four years course in Agriculture at Cornell, and the establishment of a high school there at which the young farmer, after a preparatory course in the local schools, might receive an elementary future work. He would fix the terms from October to March, thus taking the young men away from the farm education directly in line with his during those months only when they are least needed.

He said New York was fourth in agricultural rank in the country, and if the farmers would rise to the occasion, co-operating with the colleges, there would be no reason why it could not soon rank first.

Dr. Schurman was enthusiastically applauded at this statement and on motion, he was extended a vote of thanks by the club and invited to furnish a report of his address for publication in pamphlet form for distribution in Niagara county and throughout the state.

Resolutions were adopted recommending a state appropriation for a new agricultural building at Cornell to be named Roberts Hall in honor of Professor Roberts, and that Professor Bailey be the successor of Professor Roberts.

On the evening preceding his Lockport address President Schurman spoke before a very appreciative audience at the University Club in Cleveland on "The Philippines," and on Thursday evening he addressed the people of Columbus, O., after having met the Cornell alumni of that city at an informal dinner given in his honor.

Taxation of Fraternities.

A decision interesting to college men was made at Boston Friday, January 9. The buildings of college fraternities used in part for literary or scientific work, but whose dominant use is for a dormitory or boarding-house for students, were held by the full bench of the supreme court, in the case of the Phi Beta Epsilon corporation against the city of Boston, not exempt by the provisions of Public Statutes, chapter 11, section 5, clause 3, from taxation.

This suit was brought to recover back \$327, a tax paid by the fraternity, which is connected with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on its property on Beacon street. It is held that Chief Justice Mason of the superior court was right in finding for the city.

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This apprehension was somewhat strengthened by experiments with classes in the early part of the college year. It was then found impracticable to use the room for small classes as the resonance of the nearly vacant and unfinished room was so great as to preclude satisfactory speaking.

When the equipment of chairs was complete, however, the improvement was marked and the further study of the case by the architect and by members of the faculty of Physics led to the anticipation that the discreet employment of matting and hangings might reduce the resonance to a minimum consistent with successful public use.

The floors and gallery and the space between seats was covered with heavy matting and the windows were fitted with heavy curtains. The result was very encouraging and the audience on the ninth was but little annoyed by the slight reverberation remaining, although the speaker had not a very strong or peculiarly carrying tone of voice.

It is expected that the electrolier to be presently placed under the dome, with its guys and pendants, will substantially break up all waves reflected by that very effective sounding board and this, with perhaps some additional drapery or tapestry, will probably thoroughly complete the work of reduction of the small remaining resonance. Good museum specimens of tapestry will be well placed here.

Other Features.

The lighting is a great success. The lamps used at this introductory lecture were all Nernst lamps on a 226-volt circuit and the brilliancy of the light and its beautiful tone were alike admired. When turned on, the light came gradually into full brilliancy with an effect suggesting that of a fine sunrise and the beautifully harmonious coloring of the walls lent still further perfection.

There remain to be mounted the Nernst lamps under the dome and a considerable number of incandescent lamps on the 110-volt circuit. The effect, when all are in place, will probably be something unrivalled in brilliancy and in beauty of tone. It will probably be the most beautifully lighted interior to be seen as yet in this part of the world.

The lantern worked admirably, and, when the special light and lens to be supplied for the auditorium are in place, it is expected that their operation will be as satisfactory as the lighting. No screen was used, the slightly tinted walls serving as a fine substitute.

The auditorium is seated for nine hundred and thirty auditors, which is just about the number of faculty and students in Sibley College, and not

very far from the seating capacity of the library lecture hall. The new hall will undoubtedly prove a most welcome and useful addition to the facilities of the University and a great accommodation to all departments; for all will be welcomed at all times when it is not in use for the purposes of Sibley College.

It is possible that it may permit the abandonment of the library hall and the conversion of the latter to those other purposes for which it is so very greatly needed. The Sibley College faculty, and the University and Mr. Gibb, the architect, are to be cordially congratulated.

COUNCIL MEETS.**Relations With Syracuse Resumed—Other Business.**

The Cornell athletic council on Saturday authorized Manager Zimmer of the track team to conclude arrangements for an outdoor dual track meet with Syracuse university. The meet will be scheduled for May 2d.

Excepting in rowing races, teams from Cornell and Syracuse have not met for several years. The council also authorized arrangements for a triangular indoor track meet in which Syracuse, Cornell and the Seventy-fourth regiment athletic association of Buffalo will meet at the Seventy-fourth regiment armory probably in March.

Charles Phillips Brady, Cornell '04, of Buffalo, was elected manager of the football team for next season, and Frederick D. Colson, Cornell '97, was re-elected assistant coach of the Cornell crew. The "C" for rowing work was awarded to the following members and substitutes of the Cornell 1902 varsity eight: Sebring, Merrill, Petty, Van Alstyne, Lueder, Frenzel, Hazelwood, Coffin, Smith and Torney, and to the following members of the 1902 varsity four-oared crew: Ballinger, Toohill, Edmonston and Lyford.

President Wilson's View.

Dr. Woodrow Wilson, the new and progressive president of Princeton University, has allied his institution with Cornell in opposing any shortening of the college curriculum.

Dr. Wilson spoke before the Twentieth Century Club of Boston, January 5, upon "The Relation of Education to Political Life and Development." In the course of his lecture he touched upon the matter of shortening the college course to less than four years.

Arguing that the province of the university is to develop the spirit of learning, and holding that this is a process rather than a method, Dr. Wilson said: "I cannot see how a man can expect to graduate a sophomore who ever saw a sophomore. They are lovable fellows. The sap of manhood is flowing in them, but it hasn't reached their heads."

Lacrosse Schedule Ready.

Manager Armstrong of the lacrosse team has the schedule for the present season ready for the athletic council to pass upon. Games have already been arranged with Hobart, Pennsylvania, Crescent Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, Columbia, New York A. C., Lehigh and Harvard. It is quite possible that a game will be arranged with Johns Hopkins.

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**AMERICAN HENLEY.**

Professor Durand Explains Purposes of Recently Formed Association for Promoting Aquatic Interest.

"What is the attitude of the rowing authorities at Cornell towards the proposed American Henley?" Professor W. F. Durand who represents Cornell on the board of intercollegiate rowing stewards, was asked by a representative of the Alumni News.

It is too early for us to have any official attitude," he replied. "The proposition is as yet altogether in a formative state. Its success wholly depends upon the developments of the next few months, particularly at Philadelphia, where it is planned to hold the regatta. The idea represents simply an effort to raise still higher the standard of rowing in America, by developing more interest in it as amateur sport.

Cornell Not Bound.

"With such a purpose, I am, of course, altogether in sympathy. As a member of the board of stewards having the matter in charge, however, I do not and could not bind Cornell University to any particularly attitude towards the proposal. The leading universities of the country have representatives on the board of stewards and are undoubtedly in sympathy with the purpose and spirit of the undertaking. What success we shall have cannot now be predicted."

It was decided at a recent meeting of the stewards to hold the first annual regatta at Philadelphia, July 2, 1903. The board of stewards is made up of men prominently identified with rowing interests in the United States.

The Plans.

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fication of oarsmen is still to be determined, but the present classification into juniors and seniors will probably be discarded.

One decision reached, at once gives assurance of the high basis on which the regattas are to be conducted. This decision is that the executive committee may, if it deems any entry for a regatta a proper subject of investigation, entertain the question irrespective of the entering of a protest, and the members of the committee shall have power to refuse any entry up to the time of starting without assigning a reason therefor.

In brief, the proposal for an American Henley represents simply an effort to raise still higher the standard of rowing in America.

PROF. MORSE STEPHENS HERE.
Former Member of Cornell Faculty
Tells Interesting Things About
Universities on Pacific Coast.

Professor H. Morse Stephens, who resigned from his professorship of history at Cornell last year to accept a similar position in the University of California, attended the meeting of the American Historical Association held in Philadelphia during the holidays, and on his way home visited Ithaca for a day. He was the guest of Professor C. H. Hull January 2, and when seen expressed his pleasure at being able to visit the University so soon.

When asked his impressions of university life in the west and to what extent customs had been introduced at Berkeley, he said:

"University life as we know it in the East is young now in the West. We also have our fraternities there but they have not been developed as in Cornell. Only three so far as I know own their own houses. The students, however, have another way of gathering which is not common in the East. About every fortnight all University exercises are suspended and the students gather in the armory, the men gathering on the lower floor and the women in the gallery. Speakers are provided to address the students, President Wheeler reads University announcements and all matters of University interest are brought up at these meetings. This tends to develop true University spirit and fellowship. This custom was introduced by President Wheeler.

In Athletics.

"In athletics of course we have not the competition which there is in the East and as it is so rare that our University teams meet the eastern teams it is difficult to make any comparison. Often I have told the men that rowing was by far the greatest of the inter-collegiate sports of the East. Efforts to develop this branch at Berkeley have failed owing to the lack of competition. Leland Stanford, the university with which nearly all of our contests are held is far from any water and accordingly has no crews.

"At Berkeley we have a crew but few students enter this branch of athletics. The football energies are devoted entirely to the great game with Stanford which is the one event of the year. Funds are realized at this game to support the teams the entire season.

"My work is in University extension and English history. The classes in history work are very large, one alone numbering 275 students. I have been taking a great deal of time during the past year in giving a series of lectures around the state and am endeavoring to become thoroughly acquainted with the field for University extension. Next year I will not give the lecture courses.

"We are endeavoring to make the idea as popular a one as in England. The system is somewhat similar to that in vogue at Oxford. The class of people who take advantage of the extension work in the West is similar to that which attends the Cornell summer school.

"It is interesting to note how popular is the military department in the University of California. Three years

are there devoted to military instruction and the rivalry for commissions is strong.

Cornell Men There.

"On the coast there is a rapidly increasing number of Cornell men and I frequently meet them while traveling. The other day while crossing the ferry into San Francisco a Cornell man on the boat asked me if I had seen the last issue of the Era. C. L. Corey, '92, is chairman of the Student's Affairs Committee at Berkeley, a committee similar to the Students' conduct committee in Cornell.

"A few weeks ago President Jordan, of Leland Stanford, invited me to give a short talk. At Stanford an effort is being made to liven the college spirit and to introduce a similar series of meetings as those instituted by President Wheeler.

"Yes, college life in the West is young as yet but the increasing number of Eastern college men, especially those from Cornell, who are entering upon their work, is beginning to have much influence."

Weddings.

Morrison-Davis.

Clark I. Morrison, M.E. '01, recently married at the bride's home in Washington, Miss Jennie M. Doris.

Robertson-Crissey.

Miss Lucy Crissey, '94, of Jamestown, N. Y., was married last June to Henry Robertson of Brooklyn. They are residing in Jamestown.

Powers-Thain.

On October 7th, occurred the marriage of H. L. Powers, B.L. '96, and Miss Jessie Isabelle Thain of Milwaukee. Mr. and Mrs. Powers will reside in Portland, Ore.

Lowe-Mallory.

On Wednesday, January 7, Miss Clara Mallory was married to M. C. Lowe, ex-'04, of Danbury, Conn. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents. I. I. Goldsmith, '03, and W. C. Pruyn, '03, were ushers. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe will reside in Danbury, where he will be superintendent of the hat factory of D. E. Lowe & Co.

Doyle-Tilford.

On December 31 at the bride's home in Meredith, N. Y., occurred the marriage of Clarence M. Doyle, A.B. '02, and Miss Isabel B. Tilford. The wedding was not ostentatious, and no cards were issued. Mr. Doyle is the science teacher in the Nyack, N. Y., high school, and the couple will make their home at 29 Washington avenue in that city.

Cook-Raff.

On Wednesday, December 24, took place the marriage of William B. Cook, jr., A.B. '96, of Cohoes, N. Y., and Miss Ada C. Roff at the home of the bride's parents in Cohoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook have gone on their wedding trip to Boston and other eastern points, and on their return, will live in Albany, where he holds an important position in the state department.

Hoyt-Richardson.

Buffalo society was recently surprised by the sudden announcement of the marriage of Miss Beatrice Richardson of New York, to Orson C. Hoyt,

'99, LL.B. The marriage was solemnized in New York City on January 10 and the bride and groom left at once for their wedding journey abroad. Mr. Hoyt is prominent in society in Buffalo, and is an attorney in the office of Lockwood and Hoyt.

Stelle-Gordon.

The wedding of Morton Burr Stelle, ex-'99, to Miss Alice Barlow Gordon was celebrated at the St. Thomas church in New York, Friday afternoon, January 9, at 4 o'clock.

Miss Gordon is a sister of Mrs. Dan Hanna wife of the son of Senator M. A. Hanna, the chairman of the Republican national committee. She is the daughter of Mrs. Charles Gordon of New York City. Mr. Stelle was a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity in Cornell.

Gould-Sedgwick.

The wedding of James Henry Gould, '00, and Miss May Ellen Sedgwick was solemnized on Wednesday, January 14, in the St. Paul's church, Syracuse, the Rev. H. R. Lockwood officiating. A reception followed at the home of Mr. J. L. King, 200 DeWitt Place, after which the bride and groom left for an extended trip. Norman J. Gould, '99, was best man, and three of the ushers: Phillip Will, '00, J. N. Oliphant, '01, and A. W. Evans, '03, were Cornell men.

Mr. Gould is a member of the Sigma Phi fraternity, and of Phi Beta Kappa. He was prominent in student affairs, having been president of the C. U. C. A., a member of Quill and Dagger, and one of the first members of the Alumni News staff, serving for a time as its managing editor.

The couple will make their home at 50 Change street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Gould graduated last June from the Columbia Law school and is now practicing with the firm of Butler, Norman, Jolme and Mynderse, 54 Wall street, New York City.

Obituary.

Edward H. Rees.

Edward H. Rees, LL.B., '96, died recently after a short illness from tonsillitis and pneumonia in St. Luke's Hospital, Utica. He was practicing law in Utica up to the time of his illness.

Harold A. Wolff, '03.

Harold A. Wolff, '03, died at the New York Presbyterian hospital, Nov. 20, 1902. He entered Cornell university medical college in New York city in October 1899. At the time of his death he was 29 years old. He was an enthusiastic worker and was business manager of the Cornelian for 1902.

In a set of resolutions which were passed by the class of 1903 he was referred to as "a fellow medical student and classmate greatly esteemed and respected by comrades, enthusiastic and studious in his preparation for his chosen profession, whose moral and social qualities were of the very highest type."

Edward A. Butler.

Edward A. Butler, clerk and book-keeper of the college of agriculture, died Dec. 25 after a protracted illness.

Six years ago he accepted the position in the college of agriculture, which he held until his death. About six months ago he took a trip to Cuba on a leave of absence, but he continued to fail in health after his return, and his death had been anticipated.

He is survived by his widow and two small children. The college of agriculture loses in him a valuable man, one who had been faithful and untiring in his work, and one whose place it will be difficult to fill. He was popular in the department and made friends of all his acquaintances.

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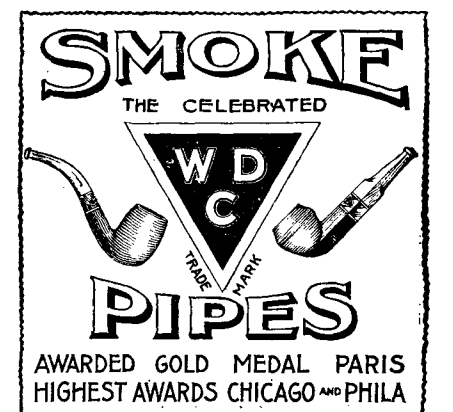
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IMPORTANT DEBATE MEETING

Agreement For Contest With Columbia Ratified—Arrangement For Picking Representatives.

The meeting of the Debate Council January 17 was the most important that has been held this year. The Columbia debate agreement was ratified by unanimous vote, and the opinion was generally expressed that it is admirable document.

Arrangements were made for the competition to determine the membership of the team to debate against Columbia. A new method of holding the competition was adopted and it is believed that the system will be much better than the old.

Under the agreement, Columbia will submit the question to Cornell on or before February 2. On Thursday, February 12, the first competition will be held, open to all the students of the University. Each competitor will prepare a five minute speech on either side of the question submitted by Columbia.

From the number of contestants the Debate Council will choose eight for the final competition for the team. This will be held Monday, March 16. The eight men will be assigned sides on the intercollegiate question, and a debate will be held on a plan similar to that of the '94 Memorial stage, each speaker making a direct speech of ten minutes and a rebuttal speech of five minutes. The Debate Council will thereafter select the team of three men and an alternate.

The Council decided not to accept the challenge of Georgetown University for a debate this year. Georgetown has been anxious to arrange for an annual debate with Cornell, but in the circumstances it was impossible to contract for another intercollegiate debate this year.

The Council authorized its secretary, Alfred E. Mudge, jr., of Brooklyn, to enter into negotiations with Columbia and Pennsylvania with view to the formation of a triangular debate league for a term of years. The relations between these three universities are especially cordial at present, and it is felt that the time is favorable for the formation of such a league as a permanent institution.

Steps were taken towards procuring a new trophy banner to be awarded to the debate club winning the University championship. Congress won the banner for five successive years, and the banner formerly competed for thereby became the property of Congress. Last year Congress again successfully defended the championship, but no banner was available for the winning team. It is thought that a

new banner will stimulate interest in these inter-club contests.

R. K. McGonigal, '03, the president of the Debate Union, was authorized to negotiate for a joint debate between the freshman debate organization known as the H. Morse Stephens Debate Club, and the Ithaca high school. If arranged, the contest will take place late next term, and will likely become an annual event.

It was announced that the subscriptions collected for the Pennsylvania debate netted enough money to pay the expenses of the Cornell team to New York in March.

Sophomores Smoke.

The annual smoker of the sophomore class was held at the Dutch Kitchen, January 16. The attendance was in excess of 350, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

H. J. Richardson, of Lowville, N. Y., president of the class, acted as toastmaster. F. D. Colson, '97, related crew experiences, and complimented the class upon the fact that it turned out the fastest freshman crew ever representing any university. W. W. Roney, '03, of New York City, did a "stunt," and the Glee Club sang.

Professor Duncan Campbell Lee of the department of oratory, talked interestingly of the social life of the students at Oxford. S. D. Hunt, '03, of Chatham, N. J., spoke for the football team; W. G. Warren, '03, of Chicago, for the track team; and George J. Costello, '03, of Syracuse, for the baseball team.

The senior president, Floyd Leslie Carlisle of Watertown, N. Y., spoke upon the relation of the sophomore class to the University. The members of the class who spoke were W. Paul Allen of Brooklyn, William L. Ransom of Jamestown, Hugh P. Henry of Eau Claire, Wis., R. P. Butler of Ithaca, and W. W. Baldwin of Burlington, Ia.

Whist Club Formed.

A whist club was formed at Cornell this week, to further interest in whist. It is probable that the club will enter a team in the intercollegiate tournament in New York in March. The club has a membership of 37. The officers are: President, A. J. Tietjie, '03, of Dayton Ohio; vice-president, H. D. A. Donovan, '03, of Fort Covington, N. Y.; secretary, William Wallace Gail, '05, of East Aurora, N. Y.; treasurer, E. H. Webb, '04, of Wellsboro, Pa.; additional member of the executive committee, M. S. VanVleet, '04, of Ovid, N. Y. The club will meet each week for play.

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TRACK TEAM PLANS.

Triangular Meet With Pennsy and Columbia a Possibility.

Manager Zimmer returned this morning from New York city, where he was in conference with the managers of the Princeton, Columbia and Pennsylvania track teams. Since Princeton cancelled the date of May 9th with Cornell there has been correspondence attempting to fix another date.

Columbia and Pennsylvania already have planned for a dual meet in Philadelphia on May 9th. The advisability of making this event a triangular meet was discussed, and if the faculties of the Columbia and Pennsylvania agree this will probably take place. This arrangement would leave May 16th open for a dual meet with Princeton. If, however, it is found that a triangular meet cannot be arranged Cornell will meet Pennsylvania May 16th in a dual meet, and meet either Brown, William or Amherst at Ithaca on May 9th.

If the triangular meet plan fails Cornell may be unable to meet Princeton.

Columbia Wins.

Cornell was defeated at basketball Saturday night in the armory by Columbia by a score of 29 to 13. This

was the third game in the intercollegiate and the first in which Cornell took part.

Cornell in the second half was unable to hold her opponents from running up the score. The team work of the Columbia men was excellent. Cornell's showing was due in part to the absence of Steel. Cornell started the game with a rush, and for a few moments outplayed Columbia. Cornell was noticeably weak in goal throwing.

The teams lined up as follows:

Columbia 29). Cornell (13).
Fisher.....r. f.....Hermes
Townsend (Allen)...l. f.....Knapp
O'Connell.....c.....Wadsworth
Von Sholly.....r. g.....Townsend
Ellias.....l. g.....Brinckerhoff

Summary: Goals, Von Sholly, 2; Fisher, 7; Townsend (Col.), 2; O'Connell, 2; Allen, Brinckerhoff, 2; Knapp, 2; Hermes. Goals from fouls, Fisher 2; Hermes, 3.

Referee S. Smith. Umpires, Quig (Columbia), Finch (Cornell).

'02, A.B.—P. B. Mann met with a painful accident on the toboggan slide at Beebe lake in Ithaca, last week. His toboggan was overturned in the slide and he was badly cut and bruised about the head and face.

'02, C.E.—Harold B. Stevens resides in Masontown, Pa.