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## Rousing Time at Buffalo.

**Cornell Dinner the Most Successful in Twenty-five Years--President Schurman's Address.**

Saturday night was Cornell night at the University club in Buffalo and according to the omniscient press of that city the Cornell alumni dinner was the grandest function given at the club since its opening. Harvard and Yale and Princeton and Pennsylvania have had their annual gatherings, said the newspapers, but splendid successes though they were, those were but mere circumstances compared with this magnificent celebration. That was the popular and no doubt the strictly impartial verdict.

The verdict of the Cornell men themselves, too modest to express it in the comparative, was that this, the twenty-fifth annual gathering of the Cornell men of Buffalo was the largest, most enthusiastic and most representative in the whole history of the association. It was the largest—a hundred per cent larger than any of its predecessors; it was the most enthusiastic—for there were the increased numbers and the uncommon setting; and it was the most representative—for forty per cent of the alumni who were present write their classes in the twentieth century, whereas heretofore hardly a grad. of recent years has attended the gathering.

It was C-O-R-N-E-L-L night at the club and a hundred and fifty of her sons, ranging from the fathers, of '73, to the babbling kids, of 1904, were entertaining as their guests President J. G. Schurman of Cornell, President A. V. V. Raymond of Union College, Professor Ralph C. H. Catterall, and the Council and members of the University club of Buffalo, who represented scores of colleges and universities scattered through the country.

The magnificent new clubhouse was tastefully prepared for the occasion. Bunting of carnelian and white wrapped the pillars of the reception room and

halls, and bands of smilax hung in graceful festoons between the arches. Red incandescent lamps and the white woodwork of the room carried out the color scheme. A large Cornell banner completed the decorations of the reception room. Above the entrance to the clubhouse the word "C-o-r-n-e-l-l" was spelled in brilliant electric bulbs, while between two flag-poles there was suspended over the sidewalk a huge Cornell banner flanked on the one side by the Stars and Stripes and on the other by the flag of the University club.

The Cornell men gathered at eight o'clock, held their business meeting and began receiving their guests before nine. At that hour President Schurman, President Raymond, and Professor Catterall arrived, accompanied by President Edward B. Green of the association and Mr. J. J. Albright. An informal reception followed. William B. Hoyt, '84, then introduced President Schurman as the first speaker of the evening.

### PRESIDENT SCHURMAN'S SPEECH.

Dr. Schurman spoke first of the rise of Cornell University to an established place among the educational institutions of the country. He then pointed out that many of the ideas first promulgated by Cornell have been adopted by other colleges and laid emphasis upon the necessity for the colleges and universities to give heed to the training of men in good citizenship. He said in part:

"When last I was here this club was not so well housed as it is now and I am glad to know that this new abode was designed by a Cornell man. We are in the habit of turning out men who do things well and I am glad you recognize the brand.

"Universities nowadays are much alike. Formerly this was not so, for the Western ideas clashed with those of the East and were despised. Cornell has been a mediator in a way between these antagonistic views and it is no longer true that, as James Russell Lowell once said, 'A university is a place where no

useful thing is taught.' If you would see the growth of the idea of education in useful things, look at Yale founding a school of mining and a school of forestry.

"This is a utilitarian age. Young men pay less attention now than formerly to liberal culture for its own sake. There never was so much money in the world. It is all right to make money, but that should not be the end of existence. Life is greater than the means of living. College men should exalt liberal culture wherever they go and therefore we do not cry down the little colleges. They are beacon lights of culture. God bless them.

"But at the same time we must not forget that as Henry W. Sage used to say to me: 'The man whose intellect is trained, but whose conscience is untrained, becomes only the more dangerous.' The training of men to be good citizens may be incidental to the other work of a college, but it must not be overlooked. The country looks to its college men to save the republic.

"We are so constituted that we are inclined to put physical force ahead of ideals. A few years ago we all looked up to Russia because it was the biggest nation in the world. How the whole thing collapsed when it came in conflict with a little nation true to its ideals!"

Dr. Schurman closed by referring to the gifts made to the University by Ezra Cornell and Henry W. Sage, two men who made their money by their own efforts and after becoming rich at once wished to devote it to the benefit of others.

President Schurman delivered a powerful address, conceded to be one of the best ever given before the University club.

The men from the University Glee club, who had arrived from Ithaca during the afternoon, sang "Alma Mater," after which H. B. Lee, '99, and H. E. Santee, '04, led some cheering the like of which has never been heard at the club.

Mr. Hoyt introduced Professor Catterall who made a very humorous speech that pleased the crowd immensely. In concluding, he left the witty vein and uttered a strong dissent from those who contend that the system of free election of studies is as desirable and advantageous as a system in which the courses are more or less prescribed.

PRESIDENT RAYMOND SPEAKS.

Mr. Wilder and the Glee club men then sang "Cornell" and President Raymond was introduced. He said there was a time, twenty years ago, when he used to feel sorry for young men who went to Cornell. He thought they were farmers, at least.

"But," he said, "I have not felt that way since that day in 1875 when on Saratoga lake the Cornell crew won a magnificent race. Cornell was born at the right time; when a revolution or a reformation of educational ideas was needed. I represent all the colleges when I say we all honor President Schurman for his great work in the educational world."

After the Glee club had sung "1875" and the "Alumni Song," and Frank Callan had read the report of the scholarship committee, Frank A. Abbot, '90, made a clever speech dedicating the Cornell mantel, a gift to the University club from the Cornell men who are members of the club. Charles Sumner Jones, '84, the newly elected president of the association, kindled the fire in the grate beneath the mantel. On behalf of the University club the gift was received by William H. Glenney, president.

At this point the following message was sent to President Roosevelt:—

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT,

President of the United States,  
Washington, D. C.

The Cornell University Alumni Association of Buffalo and its guest, President Schurman, congratulate Harvard's distinguished son and wish him a most prosperous administration.

EDWARD B. GREEN,  
President."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. Hoyt then announced that Dr. Jones had been elected president of the association; E. R. O'Malley, '91, F. A. Abbott, '90, and O. J. Lautz, '97, vice-presidents; John L. Tierman, secretary-treasurer; and Daniel Upton, '89, athletic adviser.

Supper was served for the members of the Cornell association and their two hundred or more guests.

In the grillroom the men from the Glee club, with G. B. Tourison, '05, at the piano, gave an enjoyable concert. Here President Schurman delivered a clever little speech, taking as his text the old Greek motto, "Mēden ágan"—"Moderation in all things." Professor Catterall also spoke, making himself even more solid with his listeners.

And so the Cornell association celebrated the ending of the first quarter-century of its existence. It was a splendid celebration, planned in every detail by one man—Edward B. Green, '78.

NAMES OF THOSE PRESENT.

Among the Cornellians present were the following:

- '71—H. H. Seymour.
- '72—George K. Birge, E. L. Brady, Henry L. Lyon.
- '73—Henry Altman, John Chamberlain, E. F. Knibloe.
- '76—F. Looney.
- '77—I. P. Bishop, B. H. Grove, I. H. Myers.
- '78—Eugene Cary, Edward B. Green, G. M. Bartlett.
- '81—William B. Hoyt.
- '84—Charles S. Jones, William C. Krauss.
- '86—P. P. Barton, E. W. Potter.
- '87—George C. Miller.
- '88—H. L. Taylor.
- '89—F. L. Dodgson.
- '90—Frank H. Callan, F. W. Ely, C. J. Miller, Daniel Upton, F. K. Wing.
- '91—E. R. O'Malley, C. H. Bierbaum, F. O. Bissell, W. P. Cooke, Robert B. Foote, J. B. Scovell, C. J. Seymour, F. J. Tone.
- '92—J. H. Dyett, John A. Hamilton, F. B. Haring, C. C. Huestis, J. Kuhn, Otto J. Lautz, F. W. Throop.
- '93—L. F. Wing.
- '94—Major George Bell, U. S. A., F. W. Love, D. S. Moore.
- '95—F. C. Busch, C. C. Egbert, R. D. Johnson, R. C. Palmer, J. K. Patterson, Edward J. Rosenau, John Tiernon.
- '96—R. B. Hamilton, J. B. Richards, L. W. Simpson, Clinton R. Wyckoff.
- '97—W. B. Chriswell, R. M. Codd, jr., C. W. Gail, L. A. Kendall.
- '98—J. B. Fenton, L. M. Francis, H. M. Groves, E. E. Kiger.
- '99—Herbert B. Lee, E. C. Mann, Wal-

ter M. Zink.

'00—W. R. Huntley, Chas. A. Stevens.

'01—B. B. Conable, George D. Crofts, Henry H. Lyons, James H. Massie, James O'Malley, J. E. Stagg, C. A. Tryon.

'02—A. F. Brinckerhoff, M. F. Dirnberger, John F. Fairbairn, L. Hendee, David R. Levi, James A. Magoffin, John C. Trefts.

'03—William T. Andrews, G. E. D. Brady, Charles S. Clark, George W. Gratton, Selden H. Hall, S. H. Kelleran, V. G. Mackintosh, William L. Mann, Edwin B. Nell, John B. Smallwood.

'04—C. P. Brady, Joseph L. Desbecker, P. D. Dunn, J. T. Driscoll, George R. Grant, L. R. Gulick, Richard H. Hobbie, Everett W. Jameson, L. T. Ketchum, C. R. McSparren, A. S. Matthews, A. J. B. Potter, Harold E. Santee, William L. Stow, Warren Tubbs.

**Detroit Men Make Merry.**

The Cornell alumni of Detroit held their annual dinner and smoker at the Russel house, Friday night. There are over fifty Cornell men in Detroit, a large number of whom were present to renew old friendships and tell college stories. The hotel rang to the echo of the familiar Cornell slogan.

E. E. Haskell of the class of 1879 acted as toastmaster, and speeches were made by representatives of the various classes. Professor G. S. Williams of Ann Arbor, formerly of Cornell, replied to a toast and was greeted with a round of Cornell yells.

Officers of the Detroit Cornell club were elected as follows: President, E. E. Haskell, C. E., '79; vice-president, H. H. Sanger, A. B., '91; secretary-treasurer, S. C. Root, M. E., '01. It was decided to hold frequent informal dinners throughout the year.

During the dinner a number of "fake" telegrams were read and received with Cornell yells. The following is a fair sample:

"Benjamin Ide Wheeler,

University of California:

"Sorry to hear you have to advocate taxation of bachelors. More prospective Cornellians being wheeled around now than we can ever handle. Better come back and see mine.

D. F. Hoy."

Ithaca, N. Y.