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Oak Hill, Where a Continental Glacier Deposited It About 50,000 Years Ago—Photographed More Recently From a Point Across the Genesee River.
How Old Is Oak Hill?

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The new site of the University of Rochester is not one of the “eternal hills.” Indeed no hills or mountains are everlasting; they are transitory and return to the sea from whence they came. Nor does the expression “as old as the hills” aptly apply to Oak Hill, as it is one of the youngest features of the Rochester region. Old in human years but young in geologic relations, it is the record and evidence of a recent strange event in the history of the Genesee country.

According to the so-called “fundamentalist” conception of Nature, the hill was called into instantaneous and permanent existence (4994 B.C. plus 1925 A.D.) precisely 5,929 years ago. To those who sincerely regard certain oriental folk-lore as of supernatural origin, such reply may be final. But that conception allows scant time for the activities and changes, which are now in visible progress and which evidently are of very recent origin, for example, the cutting of the Rochester canyon of the Genesee River and the straightening of the shoreline of Lake Ontario. Many other physiographic features, that are yet in the formative process, imply vast time, as the western mountain ranges, which are lofty and massive because they are young and rising. The associated earthquakes are merely their “growing pains.”

Scientific Method of Computation

Let us apply the scientific method and outline some evidence and arguments relating to the origin and age of Oak Hill, since the student of Nature uses the facts of observation and trusts his reason in applying them.

By examination we find that the hill, and the entire range of the Pinnacle Hills, of which Oak Hill is the western end, are mostly composed of sand and gravel. These are merely fragments of rock, large and small, that have been worn into rounded forms by some process of abrasion. Today we see such wear of rock material in active operation by moving water, streams, and waves, and by no other agency. We must believe that the observable forces of Nature are unchangeable, and that ever since water ran down hill it has performed similar work of transportation, erosion, and deposition of rock materials. Hence we must attribute the sandstones and shales, tens of thousands of feet in thickness, to the work of water through immense length of time.

Work of Continental Glacier

Beside the evidence of the work of water in the Pinnacle range, we find in the region certain other peculiar features which also demand explanation. These are the parallel scratches on the hard or bed-rock, the great number of foreign or “far-travelled” boulders brought from the north, and singular mixtures of coarse and fine materials not possible for water-work.

Eighty years ago these phenomena were a mystery. Now we find that they are produced by moving land ice, or glaciers, and in no other way. These glacial features prove that in very recent time all of New York and part of northern Pennsylvania were overridden by an ice sheet comparable to that which today covers Greenland.

Oak Hill was built at the south edge of a continental glacier, which had its center in Quebec, during a pause in the melting and withdrawal of the ice sheet. The hill was the direct product of the mechanical work of ice and water, in partnership with the mysterious force called gravitation. It was the indirect product of atmospheric agencies. Remotely, it was formed by snowflakes. Most remotely, in the chain of cause and effect, the hill was produced by the sun. Solar energy lifted sea water
into the air and also caused the atmospheric circulation which carried the water vapor far inland. In the cooler air of Canada the moisture fell as snow. Accumulating through thousands of years to great depth and under the pressure of its own weight, along with partial melting and refreezing, the snow became ice. As a plastic solid, under the influence of gravitation, the Que­bec ice-cap spread of its own weight, with some marginal growth by winter snowfall.

The moving ice sheet picked up a great quantity of rock-rubbish and ancient soils from the uneven land surface. This rock burden was carried more or less distance, and in many localities was largely swept out and away by the vigorous streams produced by the summer melting of the marginal belt of the ice sheet. In the Rochester district the “glacial drift” was in the grasp of the glacial streams which dumped the drift, in the form of bowlders, cobble, gravel and sand, into a great lake that bathed the south front of the glacier. The finer detritus was carried out into quiet water of the lake to form the beds of clay of the plain on which stands the new School of Medicine.

As the tops of the Pinnacle Hills are high above the surrounding plain, it appears that the streams which carried the sand and gravel must have been flowing at levels much above the land surface. Either their channels were on the surface of the ice sheet, or within the ice body, or if beneath the ice the streams were under hydraulic pressure, so as to gush out as fountains at the ice margin.

Recent Geologic Creation

So much for the genesis of Oak Hill. Its age may not be precisely estimated in years, but its time relation to other and neighboring features is quite clear. In geologic lingo it dates from only last evening. It is one of the latest of the recent creations in the region. Only some lake features, as the “ridge roads,” gravel ridges and the river canyons, Niagara, Rochester, Watkins, etc., are more recent.

For a time unit we may use Lake Ontario, which is the youngest geologic feature in this region. How old is Lake Ontario? Judging from its work, by waves and shore currents, in cutting back the headlands and in building bars across embayments, few geologists would estimate its life as less than 10,000 years. But previous to Lake Ontario a body of water, that was confluent with the sea, occupied the Ontario basin and the St. Lawrence Valley. This is named Gilbert Gulf, after Grove Karl Gilbert, a very eminent geologist of the class of 1882, University of Rochester. This sea-level water was probably as long lived as Ontario has been. Elegant shore features occur east of Lake Ontario and in the St. Lawrence Valley. During the lives of Gilbert Gulf and Ontario Lake the land surface, which had been depressed by the great weight of the ice body, has risen at Rochester 145 feet, and 740 feet on the north boundary of the state.

Before Gilbert Gulf time the great glacial Lake Iroquois occupied the basin, and built the massive gravel embankments which carry the ridge roads. Its life was probably longer than that of Lake Ontario. Thus we have a rough estimate of 30,000 years since the beginning of Lake Iroquois. However, that event was sometime subsequent to the construction of Oak Hill. An earlier lake, the glacial Lake Dawson, lay over the northern part of the site of Rochester and over the Irondequoit Valley after the ice sheet had melted away from the Pinnacle Hills moraine. Its outlet channel, leading eastward through Fairport and Lyons, carried for a long time the drainage of all the Great Lakes area that the ice sheet had then exposed. This Fairport-Lyons river was one of the predecessors of the St. Lawrence, and it graded a portion of the lowest pass for commerce between the Atlantic and the Mississippi Valley. That glacial river assisted in making Rochester a great city.

Only About 50,000 Years Old

To the estimate given above of 30,000 years since the beginning of Lake Iroquois we must add the unknown years for the life of Lake Dawson. A fair total estimate for the existence of Oak Hill, therefore, may be 30,000 to 50,000 years.

The true sequence of the geologic history is the reverse of the order of events as outlined above. Oak Hill was built in the water of Lake Dana, an earlier lake held up by the ice barrier, which had its outlet at Marcellus, eastward to the Mohawk-Hudson. Possibly the construction of the hill was in an inferior level of the lake as it was falling away toward Lake Dawson. The latter lake dropped away to Lake Iroquois, which had its long-time outlet at Rome to the Mohawk-Hudson,
with a later outlet at Covey Gulf, on the international boundary, to the Champlain-Hudson. When the ice sheet had waned so as to uncover the St. Lawrence Valley, it no longer served as a barrier, holding the series of lakes to high levels. At that time the land, which had been weighted by the ice-cap, was much lower than it is today, and Lake Iroquois fell away to sea-level. Gilbert Gulf occupied the Ontario basin, until by land uplift the Thousand Islands district was raised as a barrier, thus initiating Lake Ontario. Since then Lake Ontario surface has been lifted, by the rise of its outlet, from sea level to its present altitude of 246 feet.

**Finale of Refrigeration Era**

Oak Hill, as a part of the Pinnacle frontal moraine, records the last standstill in Western New York of the Quebec ice sheet, and the finale of a long era of refrigeration. Before the glacial episode the geologic history of Rochester, recorded in the rock strata, stretches back in the far past for tens of millions of years.


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**Marching Song Contest**

Musical geniuses among our alumni have an opportunity to render their alma mater an incalculable service and at the same time win a worth-while reward. Feeling the lack of a spirited marching song at Rochester, the Board of Control has appropriated $150, which has been divided into a first prize of $100 and a second prize of $50 for the two best songs of that character, competition to close on Saturday, May 1, 1926.

The contest is open to any student or graduate and is being conducted by a student committee, of which Luther Webster, '26, is chairman. Words and music may be written by different eligible contestants but must be original, and there is no limit to the number of songs which may be submitted by a competitor. The committee reserves the right to withhold the award, if the caliber of the songs submitted does not meet the standard desired by the Students' Association.

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**New Rochester Song Book**

A new Rochester song book, published by a committee of the sophomore class, has been on sale during the late fall and early winter and should prove of interest to many alumni. It contains words and music of the best of the old and new Rochester songs, with a few general college selections. It is attractively bound in blue cloth with a large yellow block "R" on the cover, and sells for only $1.00. After the first of the year it may be obtained at Scrantom's, Inc., Rochester, N. Y.
Dr. Forbes to Retire at Close of This Year

Now in Forty-fifth Year of Active Service—Successor Named

Another beloved and time-honored personality will pass from the active stage of the University at the expiration of the current college year. At that time Dr. George Mather Forbes, '78, will yield the chair of philosophy to a younger man and assume the role of professor emeritus, in which capacity we trust he may continue to be a familiar figure on the campus for many years to come.

Dr. Forbes is now in his 45th year of distinguished and practically continuous service at the University. Richly earned as is his coming period of rest and relaxation, a host of alumni will receive the announcement of his retirement with deep regret. For years philosophy at the University of Rochester has meant Forbes, and it will not be easy to break that association. Many a student of the past has so arranged his course as to elect everything which Professor Forbes taught, and that included, in the editor's day, psychology, logic, ethics, metaphysics, and pedagogy—work which is now shared by two distinct departments and eight men. His students came to value their personal relations with the man himself, as well as the incalculable benefits derived from contact with his keen mind in the classroom.

After graduating from Rochester in 1878, Dr. Forbes was for three years associate principal of the Overhiser School in Brooklyn. In the fall of 1881 he returned to his alma mater, where, like Dr. Morey, he began his career as teacher of an ancient language. He was assistant-professor of Greek until 1886, when he was made full professor in that department. He was professor of Greek and logic from 1892 until 1894, when he dropped Greek and became professor of philosophy and pedagogy, the department being divided in 1919 to give him the chair of philosophy alone. He was also an educational leader in the city, serving for several years as president of the Board of Education.

In announcing the retirement of Dr. Forbes, President Rhees also announced the appointment of his successor in the person of Dr. Alfred Harrison Jones, who graduated from Cornell University in 1907 and earned his doctorate at the same institution in 1912. He was acting assistant-professor of philosophy at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1908-09, and instructor in philosophy at Cornell from 1909 to 1912. Since 1912 he has been on the faculty of Brown University, first as assistant-professor and later associate-professor of philosophy.

In all of his work Dr. Jones has established a reputation as a highly successful teacher, and one who is particularly interested in the problems of individual students. An important review from his pen appeared in the Philosophical Review for January, 1925, in which he discussed critically a series of papers, entitled "Issues and Tendencies in Contemporary Philosophy," which had been read before the Philosophical Union of the University of California. He is a man of alert and attractive personality and was for some time secretary of the American Philosophical Association.
The principal arguments advanced for the removal of the University to Rochester were that the latter was an easily accessible, wealthy, and growing city so situated in Western New York, where a collegiate institution was sorely needed, that it would give the University a greatly enlarged field of usefulness, secure for it the endowment which had become vitally necessary for it to have, and yield increased returns from tuition fees. Those Baptists in various parts of the state, who became advocates of the removal, looked upon the plan as one decidedly for the best interests educationally of their denomination.

City Thought to Be Too Wild

But after the agitation for removal had been carried on for a couple of months, with increasing force, it met determined opposition on the part of friends of the village site at Hamilton. They argued that for an institution for the education of young men such a location was in practically every way a much better one than one in a city like Rochester would be, which was in accord with views very largely held on the subject in those days. A correspondent wrote, in January, 1848, to the Democratic Reflector (Hamilton) that if the friends of removal "wish to convert the character of the now Madison University into the wild character which Yale College has attained, let them remove it to Rochester, Utica, or Syracuse, and they will doubtless have a wilder set of young men under their care, than they now have."

Then, on the one side, conditional authority was obtained from the state legislature in April, 1848, for the change of the location of the University to Syracuse, Rochester, or Utica; and, on the other side, legal proceedings were instituted, in 1849, to prevent the removal of the University from Hamilton. In the fall of 1848, however, the prospects of removal appeared such to some persons in Rochester that they offered sites for the University, while others made suggestions through the newspapers with regard to sites for it. Some of these suggestions are still of interest on account of the consideration which at different times has been given to the question of location in connection with the University of Rochester.

Discussion of Local Sites

One man expressed the opinion that the Wadsworth tract, lying north of Griffith Street, between Union Street and what is now South Avenue, offered the best site, as it overlooked the whole city and had a view that extended to the lake, while the proprietors were willing to give the necessary grounds for the site. He also referred to the Gregory tract, farther south, as affording a good location, "after you get there." But another correspondent insisted that if the buildings were perched upon the Pinnacle, located on the Wadsworth tract, or placed at the extreme of Buffalo Street or North Street, they would be too far removed from the center of the city; that it would be much better to erect the buildings on the vacant lot that existed at the corner of Washington and Ann Streets, or upon any other vacant space near the center of the city. A different writer also said that the vacant ground on Washington Street was fine for the purpose of a site; and then made the further suggestion, that "the arrangement of the college buildings on the north side of Brown's Square, with a double front, and commanding the southern aspect of the square, beautified as it would be with ornamental trees and floriculture, would be central, beautiful, desirable."

One Site Near Oak Hill

The climax was reached by a man who said: "H. G. Warner has 16 36-100
Removal Project Dropped

But gradually the advocates of removal began to give up the idea of trying to accomplish it, turning their thoughts, instead, toward the founding of a new university in Rochester. That such a change of plan was early contemplated was shown by a notice, dated December 20, 1847, which was given "to the pastors and brethren of the Genesee, Genesee River, Livingston and Cattaraugus [Baptist] Associations, and others interested," of a meeting to be held in the Baptist chapel in the village of Wyoming, on January 11, 1848. The notice, which was signed by Pharchcellus Church and seventeen other prominent Baptists, said:

"A crisis in the history of our educational operations as a denomination has now arrived, which calls for the vigorous action of every Baptist in the state, especially of Western New York. Our beloved institution [Madison University] must be relieved, extended, and endowed, and this wide and populous section supplied with the means of liberal education.

All persons friendly to the removal of the Madison University to Western New York, or to the establishment of a similar institution in this wide field, are earnestly solicited to be present at the above-named meeting."

Several months later John N. Wilder wrote to the New York Baptist Register (published at Utica) that, "Should the large sum, which will be offered to the board by the friends of a western location, be refused, a new and rival institution will doubtless spring into existence." Commenting on that, the Register said: "We have never been able to see why a college at Rochester should be deemed a rival, any more than Union, or Hamilton College, at Clinton; for though it be Baptist in name, to enjoy a general patronage it must be barely nominally so. That Rochester must have a college, and that very speedily, for the growing population of that opulent section is beyond dispute."

Separate Institution Agitated

Then, at an educational convention which was held in the North Street Baptist Church in Albany on October 9 and 10, 1849, and which was attended by a large number of the leading Baptists from practically all sections of the state, the question was taken up for consideration: "Shall we leave at Hamilton what is now at Hamilton, while on the other hand we secure the advantages which invite us to the occupancy of the western site, by at once organizing an entirely new educational movement, collegiate and theological, at that point?" That was followed by the adoption, after full discussion of this resolution, introduced by Rev. Alonzo Wheelock, of Vienna, Ontario County:

2This meeting, or, as it was called, "convention of ministers and laymen," was attended by "ministers and brethren from Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Allegany, and Wyoming counties." It issued a long "Address to the Baptist Churches of the State of New York, on the Subject of Removing and Endowing the Madison University," some features of which address are given in Rochester and Colgate; Historical Backgrounds of the Two Universities, pp. 71-75.
John Nichols Wilder, a Leader among Founders of the University and Chairman of Its First Board of Trustees, 1850-58—Reproduced from Oil Painting in University Library

"That, in the opinion of this convention, the necessities of the Baptist denomination in this state render it alike expedient and a duty to establish a university at Rochester, with collegiate and theological departments, unless some compromise shall be effected with the friends of Hamilton for the harmonious and united support of a collegiate institution at Rochester, and a theological one at Hamilton."

Thereupon a committee was appointed to report a plan for organizing a university at Rochester in accordance with the resolution. The report, which was adopted by the convention, recommended that, in case the suggested compromise should not be accepted, there should be established at Rochester collegiate and theological institutions distinct in organization and government, although the same persons might be chosen to occupy chairs in both faculties; that the earliest attention should be given to the collegiate institution; and that a committee of nine should be appointed to draft, in detail, a plan for the proposed collegiate and theological institutions, the committee to make its report to a meeting or convention which it should call.

**Plan and Provisional Charter**

The effort which was made to effect the compromise failed, and the committee of nine met, on December 6, 1849, in the committee room of the First Baptist Church of Rochester, where it drafted "A plan for a new university, to be established in the city of Rochester," and appointed a committee to confer with the Regents of the University of the State of New York for the purpose of obtaining a charter from them.

With reference to the situation at that time, the Rochester Daily American said: "It is, we believe, the settled purpose of the large and powerful denomination most interested in this enterprise [the Baptist denomination] . . . . to proceed with vigor and celerity to the realization of their original purpose—the establishment in Rochester of an extensive, well-endowed, and flourishing institution of learning."

On January 31, 1850, the Regents of the University of the State of New York, reciting that a petition had been presented to them which "prayed for the grant of a provisional charter, for the establishment of an institution . . . . the corporation thereof to be known by the name of the University of Rochester," issued what has virtually always been called a "provisional charter," as, indeed, it served the purposes of one, although it was not specifically so entitled, but was rather a document in the nature of an approval of the location, plan, funds, and trustees proposed for the University of Rochester, allowing two years for completing the plan.

4The report was signed by Isaac Wescott, Wm. R. Williams, A. M. Beebee, Henry Davis, E. E. L. Taylor, J. S. Backus, and Marsena Stone.

5This committee consisted of Ira Harris, William L. Marcy, Friend Humphrey, George R. Davis, and John N. Wilder.

6The official abstract of the proceedings of the committee of nine, which was published in the New York Recorder and in the New York Baptist Register, in December, 1849, stated that "the name is to be 'Rochester University'"; but the petition for a charter stated that the institution was to be called "The University of Rochester," and when the committee of nine made its report to the convention held in Rochester on May 11, 1850, it said "the new university is to be named 'The University of Rochester.'"
The plan provided for a self-perpetuating board of twenty-four trustees, the first being: William L. Marcy, Friend Humphrey, Ira Harris, John N. Wilder, and Smith Sheldon, of Albany; Frederick Whittlesey, William Pitkin, Everard Peck, Elon Huntington, William N. Sage, David R. Barton, Edwin Pancost, and Elijah F. Smith, of Rochester; Robert Kelly and William R. Williams, of New York; Robert R. Raymond, of Syracuse; Henry Tower of Waterville, Oneida County; Seneca B. Burchard, of Hamilton, Madison County; John Munro, of Elbridge, Onondaga County; Alonzo Wheelock, of Vienna, Ontario County; James Edmonds [Edmunds], of Yates, Orleans County; R. S. Burrows, of Albion, Orleans County; Ransom [Rawson] Harmon, Jr., of Wheatland, Monroe County; and [V. R.] Hotchkiss, of Buffalo.

On May 11, 1850, pursuant to a call issued by the committee of nine, an educational convention of Baptists was held at the Second Baptist Church in Rochester, to which convention that committee presented its report on “a plan for a new university” (the University of Rochester), together with a plan for a separate theological institution (the Rochester Theological Seminary). The convention approved both plans, and what had been done to procure a charter for the University, and then, by a resolution, recommended to the trustees of the University, “to take immediate measures to fill the department of instruction, and to open the University at the earliest practicable period.”

Institution of High Character

Equally important with the fact that the establishment of the University of Rochester was thus finally fully determined upon and theoretically prepared for, is the further fact that from the first what was wanted and all along intended, was an institution of high character, large aims, and sound scholarship, and strictly non-sectarian in its operation. That such was the case from the beginning of the campaign to supply the need of a university in Western New York by the proposed removal of Madison University to Rochester was indicated in a printed letter, dated Rochester, October 22, 1847, signed by the stalwart Baptists: David R. Barton, William N. Sage, Elon Huntington, Henry W. Dean, and Alvah Strong, as a committee. That letter referred to there having been a great change in the Baptist denomination “in their appreciation of learning, not only for the ministry, but for all the other departments of society,” and said in effect, that, if Madison University should be removed to Western New York (meaning to Rochester), it could not fail to derive great benefit, and be of increased usefulness, on account of the location—if placed “on a liberal and unsectarian basis, and adapted to the wants of the public.”

To much the same effect, the New York Recorder (Baptist; New York City) said, on November 27, 1847, that, “planted there [in Western New York], on a liberal basis, furnishing the amplest facilities for an education of the highest stamp, administered with a courteous, unsectarial bearing toward all sects and parties, Madison University would remove all necessity for another university, and no other would be originated.”

Liberal Denominational Aspect

The New York Chronicle (Baptist) of October 19, 1850, after expressing the deep interest of its then editor (Rev. O. B. Judd) in Madison University and stating that he was one of those who had opposed the removal of the university from Hamilton, said that, “on the other hand, there are many who desire to build up a new university in the city of Rochester, not exclusively Baptist, as is the institution at Hamilton, but yet under the control of the Baptists—a university of the highest grade for the purposes of general education. . . . It is desirable to have such an institution in Western New York. . . . And, apart from the disadvantages of a city location, there is perhaps no section of the state preferable to Rochester.”

The Annunciator, of which a few numbers were issued at Rochester, in aid of
the university enterprise, by some of the
Baptists who were prominent in promoting
that enterprise, said, in May, 1851, that
a university “should, quite manifestly, be
open to all who wish to realize the benefit
of a good education, irrespective of their
religious opinions, or the profession or pur­suit for which they are preparing. . . .
A religious spirit should doubtless pervade
every institution of learning, to whatever
class it belongs; while it is found to be a
point of practical wisdom to have, besides,
the endowment, organization, and control,
of at least such as belong to the grade of
colleges and universities, mainly in the
hands of some denomination of Christians.
In this sense they may be, and should be
denominational; in this sense the Univer­sity of Rochester is so. To expect more
than this, is to require the introduction of
what is not only foreign to the design of
such institutions, but will be sure to oper­rate directly in opposition to the design.”

Real University Intended

It is noteworthy, too, in this connection,
that it was provided in the plan which the
committee of nine drafted for the Univer­sity that the qualifications for admission
into any of the undergraduate classes
should be fully equal to those then re­quired at Madison University, and that the
course of studies to be pursued should be
equal to that of any of the colleges in the
state. Moreover, in the use there of the
words, “undergraduate classes,” there
seems to be an indication, such as was
manifested from time to time, that a real
“university,” as the term was then un­derstood, was projected; and not merely a
college.

Further striking evidence of this fact
was contained in the recitals in the pro­visional charter of January 31, 1850, that
the petition therefor prayed “for the grant
of a provisional charter, for the establish­ment of an institution of the highest or­der for scientific and classical purposes.
. . . The system of education to be
pursued in the said institution ‘to extend
to all the branches of science and learning,
which are taught in the most approved uni­versities of this country, including not only
those studies of conceded importance and standing, wherever the benefits of true
scholarship and learning are admitted, but
also those which are more especially ap­licable to the institutions of our own coun­try, and the wants of the present time.’”

The emphasis which was placed on the
broad, liberal, and unsectarian character
both proposed for, and given to, the Uni­versity of Rochester may possibly be par­tially accounted for by what had been
promised in connection with the projected
“University of Rochester,” which was char­tered in 1846, but failed of being estab­lished, and by the strong objection which
was made to the 1846 enterprise because
it was being promoted largely by members
of one religious denomination and most,
though not all, of the trustees were of that
denomination. “By order of the board of
trustees” of that proposed institution, the
executive committee thereof announced
that, “as a part of the plan of the institu­tion, instruction will be imparted in some
of the more practical sciences to those who
may not desire to pursue a collegiate edu­cation. . . . There will also be law
and medical departments. . . . The
plan. . . . aims to preserve the in­stitution from all local and sectarian in­fluences.” “Civis” wrote two years later
to the Rochester Democrat that, in its gen­eral character that proposed university
“was adequately free from sectarianism.
But our citizens then saw fit to act on the
principle that it was not deserving of their
patronage and efficient action.” Now ap­pealing for the citizens of Rochester to aid
the Baptist enterprise, he said: “Let not
sectarianism paralyze our efforts as it did
two years ago.” Those things of 1846-47
must have had more or less direct or in­direct influence on the minds of the Bap­tists when they developed their plans for
establishing a university at Rochester and
wanted the general public approval and
aid which they happily obtained.

Mention should also be made here of the
fact that a number of the men, who were
closely identified with the unsuccessful en­treprise of 1846-47, like “Civis” (perhaps
Dr. Chester Dewey), afterward gave their
whole-hearted support to assisting mate­rially in the later undertaking, which
proved successful.

Still, relative to the origin and original
scope of the University of Rochester
founded in 1850, three things seem very
clear: (1) That, giving full credit to
those of other persuasions and of other in­terests who subscribed to the endowment of

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9Rochester and Colgate: Historical Back­
grounds of the Two Universities, pp. 16-19.
President Rhees Arrested at Mid-Year Dinner

One of Several Sensations at Big Alumni Jollification

The much-advertised Mid-Year Dinner of Rochester alumni, held in the Rochester Club on Monday evening, November 23, was most happily and unexpectedly climaxed by the announcement from President Rhees of the additional gift of $750,000, made by the General Education Board to the Greater University campaign, as outlined elsewhere in this issue.

Important as this announcement appears, it was only an incident in the plea of defense with which President Rhees met a dramatic episode developing earlier in the evening. Like a bolt out of the blue, and delivered by an officer in blue in the person of Milton K. Robinson, '12, Prexy was summarily placed under arrest in the very midst of the dining festivities. It was not even done quietly and unobtrusively, as the dignity of the victim might seem to warrant, but with an inexcusable bluster which attracted the attention of everyone in the hall.

Nor was the prisoner long left in suspense as to the nature of his alleged criminality. At the bellowing announcement of Court Crier Benjamin J. Slater, '10, Justice Hazel Nutt, alias Cornelius R. Wright, '09, advanced in impressive robe and wig and read the indictment in the case of the "People of the Associated Alumni vs. Rush Rhees." Of the three counts in the indictment we repeat the first, to indicate how serious were the charges:

"You are charged with embezzlement of the sum of $10,000,000, subscribed by good and loyal citizens in the year 1924, and particularly $1,000,000 thereof subscribed by the alumni of the University of Rochester, and with misappropriating said funds from the specific purpose for which they were subscribed—to wit, the persuasion, lease, and if necessary, the outright purchase, of able-bodied, broad-shouldered, hard-fisted, experienced and tough football players; and diverting the same toward the furtherance of a dastardly scheme to make and maintain an institution of learning."

Without giving the prisoner opportunity to answer to the charges, and despite the announced disagreement of a previously-picked jury, Judge Nutt found the defendant guilty and straightway pronounced the following sentence:

"You are sentenced by this Court to spend the following six months at hard labor or in beating the bushes in and around Western New York in diligent search for football players, and that having assembled a hard-boiled bunch thereof and having matriculated the same in the University of Rochester regardless of entrance requirements, you shall proceed to mop the earth with Hobart in the year 1926, and in subsequent years ad infinitum. You are temporarily remanded into the custody of the Athletic Association of the Associated Alumni, pending the result of the football game next Thursday."

Following the sentence court was adjourned, upon order of the bench, "until November, 1926, term." Even to the untutored lay mind the entire procedure was so high-handed and so susceptible to appeal, that Toastmaster MacDowell felt impelled, near the close of the evening, to give the defendant the opportunity for rebuttal which had previously been denied him.

In the course of his rebuttal President Rhees announced the additional gift from the General Education Board but apologetically stated that he did not see how he could use it for the purposes demanded by the Court, inasmuch as the donors had specifically designated that it be used, so far as necessary, for advanced instruction and research in the physical and biological sciences. He did assure the alumni, however, that he believed in football as a worthwhile bi-product of student life and wanted to see it placed, by legitimate means, on a successful and satisfactory basis at Rochester. He made the real and only football speech of the evening.

From the above it may be accurately inferred that the hours of 6:30 to 10 P. M., Monday, November 23, constituted what is commonly known as a very large evening. Viewed from any angle, the dinner, which was the first of its kind in modern history at least, proved a big success. Unlike other recent mid-year dinners, it was not held to celebrate any event or to advance any project. Alumni officials were
Three-Quarters of a Million More from General Education Board

That $10,000,000 goal of the Greater University Campaign is drawing nearer. The General Education Board of New York has pledged $750,000 more to the project, according to the announcement of President Rhees at the Mid-Year Alumni Dinner on November 23, increasing its contribution to $1,750,000 and the grand total of campaign subscriptions to date to $9,250,000. It will be recalled that the sum of $7,500,000 was raised by public and alumni subscription in November, 1924, that the General Education Board agreed to give the last million of the ten and that the executive campaign committee assumed the responsibility of raising the remaining $1,500,000 from other outside sources. Of this latter balance one-half, or $750,000, now remains to be raised.

somewhat apprehensive as to the attendance and had made up their minds to be satisfied if 150 men turned out. Nevertheless, the official count of the club caterer showed 237 diners. And any alumni present who had wondered why it was, or what it was all about, were not long left in doubt. The program of entertainment started early and continued violently until the moment of adjournment.

The hard-working committee, which engineered the proceedings, was composed of Embry C. MacDowell, ’06, general chairman; Eugene C. Roesser, ’01, T. T. Horton, ’04, Charles Simpson, ’06, Cornelius R. Wright, ’09, C. Boyd Ireland, ’10 Raymond L. Thompson, ’17, and the alumni secretary ex officio, assisted by Paul S. McFarland, ’20, of the publicity committee. We believe the other members of the committee will feel no resentment if we give special credit to Embry MacDowell, for his tireless efforts at organization and the unwelcome task of collecting money with which to meet the resulting deficit, and to Thack Horton, who was again the original genius to prepare and direct the special program.

The Varsity Rag Pickers, instrumental organization of the University musical clubs, donated their orchestral services during the dinner. Ted Fitch, ’22, present director of the Glee Club, led the singing, while the Glee Club itself, mustering about 40 voices, appeared directly after the dinner and gave a program of several numbers, including some of the newer college songs, which proved to the alumni that they can feel the greatest pride in their student musical organizations this year.

The alumni secretary paid tribute to the Alumni Council for its effective co-operation in bringing out the crowd and read an honor roll of alumni, who though necessarily absent had shown their interest by contributing to the cost of the dinner. One of the latter especially emphasized was John R. Howard, ’57, who entered the University three years after it was started in the old United States Hotel on West Main Street. Toastmaster MacDowell then introduced a special feature in the form of an imaginary motion picture, which proved to be more “motion” than “picture.” In introducing it he made the following extemporaneous statement, which had been previously carefully prepared by Thack Horton, producer:

“For your edification we are going to present a five-reel feature motion picture. The cost of producing this picture is estimated at $100,000; this estimate was made by the press agent. But the committee didn’t pay any attention to the cost; the committee paid no attention to expenses, because it had no money to spend. In producing our motion picture we discovered that film cost money, so we decided to dispense with film; a screen also would have cost money, so we decided to dispense with a screen; and after you see the picture perhaps you will decide that we should also have dispensed with the picture.

“In order that our kind of motion pictures will at least have the distinction of a good trade name, we have called it a Plastographic Three-dimension Projection, and we are generously giving the patent to the Celluloid Department of the University. The title of the picture is ‘The Evolution of the Greater University.’

“As sub-titles use up a lot of film when thrown on a screen, and as we have neither film nor screen, we decided to dispense with projected sub-titles and have the scenario sub-titled on the spot by a member of the committee. Thack Horton will act as official sub-titler. I may say that he qualified as a sub-titler by getting a mark of
66% in the Sub-Titling Department of the University. The Sub-Titling Department is what formerly passed as the English Department, before the University of Rochester became a Greater University. There is no more wondrous use of the English language than the use exemplified in making sub-titles. When we held a rehearsal, someone said: 'Those sub-titles will knock the audience cold.' I am afraid something like that is going to happen; we had better get it over with; so I hasten to introduce the official sub-titler, Thack Horton, '04.'

In his opening pronouncement Sub-Titler Horton repeated the title of the "picture," stating that it was an educational motion picture, "exempt from all taxation, because it is educational, and passed by the Board of Censors, because it is educational."

The producing technique of this remarkable filmless, screenless "motion picture" was both unique and effective. The room was darkened, and a wavering beam of light thrown on the stage by a theatrical spotlight projector with a rotating flicker attachment, installed and operated by Fred Baumgartner and D. C. Rymer, the versatile mechanician and electrician, respectively, attached to the physics department of the University. Into this lighted area appeared different actors depicting the various scenes called for by the scenario, while the flickering projector produced just as realistic an eyestrain as any projected film.

The successive scenes traced in a startling manner the development of the University, beginning with "a flare-back to 1876," in which "Professor Gerund" (Lester O. Wilder, '11) was shown expounding the Greek grammar to a class, whose members he adjured to adhere to the pursuit of pure culture, thus placing themselves in line for a $900 job in some neighboring village high school. With the passing of the antique methods of education the need of money for development purposes was brought into the picture, and the finesse of the Drive Committee illustrated by George Ramaker, '09, in the guise of a thug with mask and gun, holding up Walter S. Hubbell, '71, and relieving him of his watch and pocketbook.

The development of the School of Medicine was depicted by "Professor Scalpel," who was shown "demonstrating the enlargement of the canine thorax by a triturated injection of Peruvian bark." The medical "professor" in operating vestments proved to be John W. Remington, '17, who was nearly exhausted before he succeeded in blowing up an oblong, toy balloon to the explosion point with an ordinary bicycle pump.

The Eastman School of Music was introduced by the sub-titler's statement that in the Vocal Department of the Greater University "the human neck is developed to produce beautiful sounds." The truth of this declaration was attested by a baritone solo sung by George F. Houston, who was compelled to respond to two encores. Robert Ross, also of the Eastman School, followed with a monologue, involving one or two encores.

Then quoth Sub-Titler Horton: "The sober students of days gone by were taught that Terpsichore was the goddess of the dance. That was the beginning and the end of their dance education. But behold! In 1925 the Greater University is thronged with Greek goddesses appearing in person." Whereat two dainty specimens, Misses Tefft and Biracree of the Eastman Ballet, appeared in person and executed a wildly approved demonstration of the Charleston. All of the Eastman performers donated their services and were very keenly appreciated.

With the preliminary statement that "text-books are relics of ancient educational methods before we taught singing, dancing, plumbing and motion pictures" the grand climax of the "picture" represented the cremation of all text-books upon decree of the trustees. The effect was produced by red lights and two blasts of confetti blown out of tubes projecting through the curtain. This was the signal for the distribution of countless packages of like ammunition and a bombardment of the crowd which later cost the committee an extra $5.00 to have cleaned up.

All of this stunt program was preliminary to the introduction of George S. Chappell, Yale, '99, alias "Dr. Walter E. Traprock," burlesque traveler, author and humorist, who had been imported from New York City as special entertainer of the evening. He is widely known as author of "The Cruise of the Kawa" and other burlesque travel stories. He gave an illustrated "lecture" on "Odd Corners of Our Globe," in which he combined the high points of his three imaginary trips to the North Pole, the South Sea Islands and the Sahara Desert. Dr. Traprock's series of
grotesque lantern slides and his lecture itself beggar any description at our hands. About all we recall is the constant gale of laughter which greeted it. It was one of those features impossible to pass on to those who did not hear it.

As a matter of fact, it has been very difficult to translate the spirit and levity of the whole occasion at all adequately in cold type. We only hope we have succeeded in conveying the impression that from first to last it was a night to be long remembered and to be emulated in coming years.

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**Faculty and Administration Attitude toward Athletics and Other Student Activities**

By Rush Rhees

There seems to be much interest and some uncertainty among the alumni concerning the attitude of the faculty of the College and the administration toward extra-curricular student activities—athletics, musical clubs, dramatics, student journalism, and the like. The impression appears to have gotten abroad that the faculty and administration are indifferent, if not hostile, to such extra-curricular activities of our students. As is inevitable in any group of independent men of varied interests, the attitude of individual members of the faculty varies with their individual interests; some care more for music than for basketball; some have higher regard for football than for dramatics. But the faculty, as a body, as well as the administration, have repeatedly shown an interest in these student activities by seeking in every practicable way to aid and encourage them.

A recent instance is the agreement of the faculty to send a proctor with the musical clubs on a trip, which will begin before the mid-year examinations close, to conduct examinations for such members of the clubs as are unable to complete their examination schedule before the trip begins. This action was taken as an emergency measure, owing to unusual conditions this year. It was coupled also with the declaration that hereafter no appointments for student activities may be permitted to conflict with the dates for examinations, which are always published far in advance in the college catalogue. But the action shows the interest of the faculty in student activities. Moreover, a group of the faculty is now studying carefully the whole problem of faculty and administration relations to student interests.

In such an attitude of aid and encouragement, we necessarily have to face the question of the value of, and justification for, these student activities. We recognize in them means for wholesome diversion and recreation for students who participate in them. Athletics, furthermore, properly conducted, contribute to physical strength and vigor; while musical clubs and dramatics develop aesthetic interest. But there is more and higher value in such activities. They undoubtedly develop for those who participate in them powers of initiative and accomplishment, which are of utmost importance for any vocation a man may enter; and they contribute also to the growth of comradeship and the spirit of cooperation and "team play" which are priceless social qualities.

Recognizing these values, we have also to be on our guard against certain abuses which, unfortunately, are not wholly imaginary. An educational institution cannot complacently sit by and see its student body exploited for the purpose of providing entertainment or excitement to a public interested little, if at all, in education or in the development of the participants in such activities. Equally, if not more, indefensible is a policy of exploitation of its own students by the institution for purposes of advertising or financial advantage. An institution is helpfully advertised by the wholesome activities of an alert and energetic student body, but such activities can be wholesome only as they actually are student activities.

The cultivation of such activities presents some problems which are not always easy of solution. Take football, for instance. It is a sport which requires expert coaching, that is expert teaching. If such teaching is in any degree the responsi-
ibility of faculty and administration, certain standards must be met by the man chosen to do the teaching. The first of these is of course character; allied thereto is devotion to the ideals of clean sportsmanship. Only second to these is genuine ability to teach the game. Not every star player can become a successful coach. Without marked ability to teach success can hardly be looked for, even from the most conscientious coaching.

This conviction raises the question of the cost of coaching. The recent student conference at Wesleyan University indicated clearly that the students are interested in the whole coaching problem, and are inclined to call for a return to graduate coaches in preference to high-priced specialists. For the "professional" coach, whose sole interest is his "professional" success, there would seem to be no place in a college. The college coach must be a man who is sympathetic with college ideals and will work for them. But the demand for good men of this type is so keen that the cost of good coaching becomes a serious problem.

Another problem for us in Rochester is the recruiting of what is regarded as good "football material" for the student body. Young men, interested in football as a student activity, naturally look to colleges where good coaching can be expected. As the evil of "professional coaching" is one that must be avoided, so its twin evil of "subsidized" students must be shunned. College football depends for its permanent interest and usefulness on its conduct by college men. But, given good coaching by men devoted to college ideals, students who love football will come to get such coaching.

What I have written concerning football applies in varying degree to all extra-curricular student activities. If anything is worth while, it is worth doing as well as enthusiasm and co-operation with good coaching can do it, whether athletics or dramatics or college journalism or musical clubs.

In all of our consideration of this problem of student activities, three things stand out: Whatever students do in their student activities reacts on the college—for good or for ill. If the best results are to be obtained, we should and must co-operate with the students in every practicable way. In particular, whatever teaching is requisite for the successful conduct of extra-curricular activities should be the best we can command. But, most vital of all, we must loyally pursue all the time the true ideals of college sport and of the relation of student activities to education. Things are stirring in the college world in these regards, and we are sure that our alumni look to Rochester not to fall behind in pursuit of the best in this, as in all our concerns.

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Prenatal Era in Rochester Football
BY GARRETT B. HUNT, '90

"Arma virumque cano, qui primis ab oris Troja"

There are several considerations for my use of the old Virgilian line as a starter for this trip into ancient history. One is to establish the premise that I have a memory for matters which lie in the dusty mold of the past and that memory is of grasp strong enough to recall the sentiment in the original, and not merely Dr. Anthon's assisting rendition. A little later I'll confide in you why memory turned to "arms."

Just as there was a pre-Dido impulse, which blossomed into Carthage, so there is a proto-stage in the development of everything worth while, and some things worth mighty little while. This sage thought surged to the surface of my lucubrations as I read Hero Herbert Wright Bramley's excellent monograph on "Birth of Football at Rochester" in the most recent issue of the ALUMNI REVIEW. It's all right for "Brarm" to commence his saga of football heroics with written history, but there were proto-heroes of football before that first organized football team was put out on the campus grass. And they functioned with all the potentiality which goes with pre-natal existence—i.e. functioned with all the force of embryonic impulses.

Memory is behind the seven traditional veils, as I try to recreate that prehistoric landscape with its specimens of another geologic age. Yet I can see the northwest corner of the campus about opposite Reynolds Laboratory one day in 188- (I've forgot-
ten the year, but it is probably the figure 8 which should be supplied) when the autumn leaves were tumbling off the elm trees behind right field of the then baseball grounds. I cannot recall how we all happened to come out. Rochester undergrads had to be called out in those days as now, but it so happened that we all were chosen—a nondescript aggregation, bizarre in the heterogeneity of costume. Aside from three or four, we were all more empty of football tactics than Longfellow's skull superimposed upon the skeleton in armor. There was Cro-magnon "Billy" Perrin, just from a place on the Yale freshman team of the previous year and chuck full of the prowess gained from watching "Pudge" Heffelfinger and "Pop" Corbin. And there was Neanderthal G. Fred Love, fresh from I don't recall where. Both these figures in our present-day museum sported the laced-up moleskin jackets about their torsos. Perrin declared that he had earned his at Yale. I have forgotten Love's explanation of his acquisition. Probably came by it as honestly as Perrin. Their's was an imposing panoply, and they were cynosures for the rest of us.

And there was Lake-Dweller Frank Macomber. He didn't have a laced-up torso, but he had acquired some knowledge of football of a kind—possibly up at Genesee. In these practices Francis Selden acted as quarterback. I'm no critic, but recall that he acted actively.

Then there was one Osgood, son of one of the faculty of the theological seminary. He worked at center. I know what I am writing when I write the word, work, instead of play. Because I had come from the mere play of pitching several thousand bushels of wheat in the sheaf form and was supposed to have some physical strength, I had been put at center opposite Osgood, who had good knowledge of the game.

Here is where my affinity for "arms" surges. Of pleasant rotundity was Osgood at rest. But in action immediately after snapping back the ball—yea, they snapped back in thoseozoic, or paleolithic or protozoic days—he suddenly developed sharp corners on his shoulders, at his elbows, on his knees and (I think) at all points midway between those locations. He bristled with extensor points at will and always willed those points against some part of my anatomy. Each arm had 7 points.

Whenever I wasn't busy trying to fend off those sharp points of the Osgood anatomy or making vain attempts to do a little extensoring of my own against his experienced self, I was trying to get at that football. And when I did reach it, it sailed away from the tip of my toe amid the pained accusations of Macomber and others who said I wasn't playing football. Now, I had played football over across Lake Ontario, where they played football with feet and not with adamant-pointed shoulders, elbows, and other points of round anatomy. I don't recall whether I quit or was fired. At any rate I was sure I didn't get enough "kick" out of the game.

Those named are all the members of that proto-practice whom I can now recall. I remember Perrin and Love because of their laced torsos. I recall Macomber because he got the snapbacks, which started Osgood to commence to grow corners and points. And I recall Osgood with special vividness because of the peculiarity of his physical conformation and his insistent demonstration of his corporeal faculties. I liked a stand-up-and-fight proposition, but that continual push, shove, corner-pressing, when a fellow had the chance of standing still captured my goat. I still pride myself on having excellent qualities for a heavy-kicking fullback. I know I would have made a star at scoring goals from the field. But proto-Rochester football was not in the market for a chap who couldn't keep his foot away from the ball.

Don't understand that these set-tos over the ball were organized games in any way. They were devised merely to bring forward what possible material for regular football was discoverable. Most of those on hand were not students then in the university. They were ranged on one side of the line and the undergrads on the other, and thus were the mere rudiments of the game taught—and comprehended by those who did not have the itching toe.

And here were the real beginnings of football at Rochester. Call the state or condition pre-natal quickenings or whatnot. They constituted a stage of development which must necessarily precede the fully developed infant, which verily grew-eth into the perfect football player.

Please, Mr. Editor, I don't use sarcasm when I use that word "perfect," in connection with football at Rochester—not even "Bram's" pioneer team.
The Unselfish Season

Christmas has again spread its heart-warming influence over the Christian world. Although it has been a going concern for many centuries, it is still one of the greatest institutions in all human relations—great not alone because of its religious significance, but because it is the one permanently fixed and effective offset against the innate selfishness of the human being.

How important is this aspect is apparent when we come to analyze our current evils and find the selfishness of some individual, class or people at the bottom of most of them. The selfishness of nations produces war; that of classes is responsible for strikes, oppression, and class hatred. Individuals, inflamed by selfish considerations, commit murder, assault, burglary. Personal slights, heartache, jealousy, envy are all fruits of this spiritual disease—even automobile accidents, in which some driver expresses his selfishness by grabbing the right of way, forcing his own interests ahead of another's.

You may regard this a poor season of the year in which to view human frailties pessimistically, but surely it is the right season to pause and reflect on the manner in which we may help to lubricate the path of human existence by at least occasionally regarding the other fellow's wants and viewpoint ahead of our own. And the blessed spirit of Christmas, which is permeating the air as we write these lines, makes such reflection the easier. If you think it out of date as you read it, more is the pity, for the real spirit of Christmas might well know no bounds of time.

Hard Winter, Soft Coal

After repeated and early threats old winter is on us at last, frigidly as well as chronologically. The campus, deserted for the holidays at this writing, is again blanketed with a thick covering of snow—the kind of crinkly snow that crunches under foot and exasperates the small boys who try in vain to mould snow balls of it. It looks like mighty good sleighing, but there are no sleighs—only the inevitable string of skidding automobiles, with an evil alcoholic breath emanating from many a steaming radiator. Gas stations suddenly seem to be selling more alcohol than gas—and without a doctor's prescription. All about us are symptoms of a hard winter, which symptoms we hope may be dissipated. For there is nothing in town but soft coal, and soft coal combines unhappily with a hard winter.

A Question of Architecture

Outward appearance may be a minor consideration, yet it is a consideration and a real one. Otherwise the work of our artists—painters, sculptors, sketchers—would be a frivolous waste of time and genius. Externals appeal to the eye, and the eye, responsible for so much of the enjoyment of life, certainly deserves some concessions.

The University is deliberately planning to build a new college. With the possible exception of our football situation, the question probably uppermost in the collective alumni mind concerns the appearance of that college. What is it going to look like? Will it be merely a modern, efficient plant of bricks and mortar, or a group of buildings worth taking our friends out to look at?

The plainness of the School of Medicine has occasioned some apprehension, which we do not share. We believe that the School of Medicine is destined to inspire in us nothing but pride. Its lack of ornate design, which had a definite purpose back of it, will become less apparent as time goes on and bears no relation to the design of the College for Men to be erected on the neighboring Oak Hill. In fact, we believe it is reacting to advantage in emphasizing the importance of the architec-
tural aspect in designing the newer group of buildings.

It seems to us that if any institution is to recognize architecture as a fine art, contributing to the cultural aspect of life, a college of arts and science should so recognize and give it play. In planning and building a complete college from the ground up, Rochester faces a wonderful opportunity. We are not to build at Oak Hill merely to meet present exigencies; we are to build a monument for posterity. May it dignify the role. May the new buildings be few at the outset, if need be, but may they give forth, in distinctive manner, the impression of quality for which we like to believe that the University stands above all else.

If you are with us in this opinion, let your feelings be known. We believe the powers that be have these considerations in mind, but crystallized alumni sentiment may serve to strengthen their hand and inspire their purpose.

A New Use for Duco

We saw a hand-painted lady facing the wintry elements the other day and could not but realize how precarious was the finish on her face. It seems to us that the manufacturers of Duco, which has proved so successful as an automobile lacquer, are overlooking a wonderful opportunity for extending their field of operations. Let them develop a special Duco finish for the human face, and what a blessing they will bestow upon the modern flapper, as well as their own coffers! The original cost might be greater to the user, but one application should last through the severest season, if properly cared for. Heat, rain and snow would not affect it. Dust would not scratch it. My lady would emerge from the most unfavorable weather and by simply rubbing her cheeks with a soft, dry cloth restore her finish to its original lustrous beauty.

Another Tradition Established

Much of the advancement in civilization has been brought about by experiments that worked. Such an experiment was the first annual Mid-Year Dinner of Rochester alumni to be held under the auspices of the new Alumni Council, although at times during the evening a cynical observer might have seen little relation to civilization in the event. It proved all and more than had been hoped for in turnout, quality of entertainment, and general spirit. A worthwhile precedent was unquestionably established, and another long-needed alumni function most auspiciously launched on the road leading to tradition.

Some Higher Mathematics

At the request of the athletic management the mathematics department of a certain eastern university computed the chances of its football team to win every game of a six-game schedule to be about 63 to 1. In other words, it is mathematically reasonable, without considering the other conditions involved, to expect that team to win all of its games once in every sixty-four years.

All we remember about commutations and permutations are the terms themselves. But on the basis of the above calculation alone we would roughly estimate Rochester's chances of winning all of its nine games to be little better than 100 to 1, or once in a century. As we have only been playing football since 1889, we still have nearly sixty-five years left in which to pull the trick; so be patient, brother alumni, be patient.

Speaking of Football

Football seems to be an all-year-round sport at Rochester this year. Thanksgiving Day merely marked the transference of hostilities from the gridiron to the council chamber, the curb, the street corner, the office—or wherever else one alumnus finds himself in the company of another.Personally our deep-seated and long-standing affection for the game is becoming somewhat strained. Strategic and crafty dalliance with the pigskin is as thrilling to us as ever, but we are quite fed up on the vocal style of play. We prefer to become hoarse by cheering, rather than explaining.

At that we came away from the Thanksgiving Day game with a feeling bordering on satisfaction. We appreciate victories just as much as the next alumnus. But to one who had watched the inadequate efforts of our green and struggling team all the fall, its sudden rise to stubborn strength on that day of supreme testing was at least gratifying. And that gratification grows as we learn more of the surprise and shock
suffered by both the Hobart players and their adherents.

A Hobart scout, after seeing Rochester play early in the season, assured the Gen- 
evans' coach that they ought to beat us 110 to 0. While that may have been a 
trifle hyperbolic, they unquestionably came to town expecting to glory in a score of 
about 50 to 0, and with good reason. They were compelled, instead, to glory over 
rescuing by a rather narrow margin a game which they had seen going against them. 
They saw their pet offensive plays, which had gained ground against every other team 
they had met, stopped in their tracks, often for a loss, compelling them finally to resort 
to their superior physical strength at straight football. One of their star line-
men admitted after the game that no other opponent of their schedule, which had in-
cluded Dartmouth and Syracuse, had so exhausted him physically. Their coach stated 
that Rochester was on that day the strongest defensive team his men had en-
countered.

Pretty good for the under dog, but of course we are becoming tired of being the 
under dog. The administration and faculty, the students, the alumni and the public
want a real football team. What we need now is to find at least eleven undergraduates who would actually like to play some real football and see to it that they are shown how it is done. The exhibition of that late November afternoon augurs well, we believe, for another season. If we can but project and strengthen just a little that enthusiasm, that determination, that fight, augmented by a little more material and a little more training, we shall bridge the 
narrow gap between defeat with honor and actual victory.

But in the development of such enthusiasm let us keep our perspective sanity 
clear and our feet on the ground. May we remember that college football after all 
is an enterprise of the undergraduates, to be conducted by them for their own benefit, 
and not to be exploited primarily as a spectacle for the entertainment and gratifica-
tion of the sporting public. May we re-
member also that we are still a college of 
about 450 men, of whom only about 350 
are annually eligible for football, and aim 
to play the game just as effectively as a 
college of our size can legitimately play it. 
Let us aim to win, but to keep our hands 
clean in the winning. 

H. A. S.

Football Committee Reports to Alumni Council

Members of the Alumni Council held another free-for-all football discussion at 
the Delta Upsilon house on Friday evening, November 11, the occasion being a 
special meeting called to receive the report of the football investigating commit-
tee, which had been appointed at the regular meeting of the Council in October. 
Although the meeting was called on four days' notice and without the lure of a free 
feed, practically as many members responded, 34 in all, as attended the dinner given 
the Council by President Hubbell at the Genesee Valley Club a month before—all 
of which is touching evidence of the 
strength of alumni interest in football at 
the present time.

In the unavoidable absence of both President Hubbell and Vice-President Roeser, 
the meeting was called to order by Secretary Smith and Judge J. B. M. Stephens, 
'84, elected temporary chairman. Farley J. Withington, '00, chairman of the spe-
cial football committee, made an introduc-
tory statement, explaining the aims and 
operations of his committee, and called 
upon Raymond G. Phillips, secretary of the 
committee, to read the report. 

In addition to Withington and Phillips, 
the committee was composed of Herbert 
W. Bramley, '90, William F. Love, '03, 
Walter S. ("Jack") Forsyth, '14, Alcott 
Neary, '14, and Edward M. Ogden, '18. 
It had made a conscientious effort to do a 
real piece of work, holding two or three 
meetings a week for more than a month. 
During that time it had been in touch, 
either in conference or by letter, with many 
persons directly interested in the situation, 
including the administration, the physical 
education department, the coach, some of 
the members of the football team, repres-
tatives of the student organizations and 
many alumni. 

As a result of this investigation the com-
mittee recommended in its report, which
was couched in general terms, that there should be a general awakening of interest in football—an interest that should be reflected in action on the part of the alumni, the student body and the administration. Without blaming either coaches or players for the present unhappy situation at Rochester, the committee made three general recommendations:

First, that the lack of material, a primary cause of our troubles, should be offset by more definite activity on the part of the alumni, the students, and, so far as it can consistently be done, the administration; second, that a head coach be obtained of outstanding reputation, ability and proven experience as a coach of the modern, offensive game; third, that the two regular alumni representatives on the Board of Control of Student Activities be placed on the athletic committee, giving the alumni two representatives on that committee instead of one. It so happens at the present time that four of the ten members of the Board of Control are alumni.

The committee further recommended that other phases and details of the football situation be referred to the Board of Control, to be worked out by the Board as conditions permit, and that the Alumni Council give such support and cooperation as it consistently can when called upon. The committee was praised by members of the Council for the time and effort it had given to its rather complicated task, and a motion passed that the report be accepted, that it be referred to the Board of Control, and that the committee be continued to give such further cooperation as might be desired by the Board.

In the discussion which preceded and followed this action two general subjects were considered—coaching possibilities and the type of football which the alumni expect or hope to see established at Rochester. The work of the committee in investigating the entire situation and canvassing the field of coaching possibilities had been interrupted, and the report hastened, by the unexpected appearance in town of “Bo” McMillin, former sensational quarterback of the equally sensational Centre College team, who made a speech on football before the Rochester Ad Club on December 3, with members of the Varsity football team and coaching staff present as invited guests.

McMillin’s speech had greatly impressed some of the members of the committee and other alumni, who later discussed informally with McMillin his possible availability for the position at Rochester. McMillin seemed to be interested, and one of the local newspapers unfortunately published an unauthoritative and exaggerated story to the effect that McMillin had been interviewed, contract terms discussed and that he would undoubtedly be engaged as the Rochester coach.

Cornelius R. Wright, ’09, and one or two members of the committee presented McMillin’s qualifications so far as known. Since graduation he has coached three years at Centenary College, Shreveport, La., and the past season at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa. It was agreed that before further steps were taken in his direction, a thorough investigation should be made to learn from unbiased sources as to the impression he had created in both of those institutions and elsewhere.

The names of two or three other prominent football players with some successful coaching experience were also presented for possible investigation. Without presuming to condemn or criticise the present Varsity coaching system the committee expressed the feeling that the influence and inspiration of a prominent football figure on the coaching staff might help materially in re-awakening the football enthusiasm, which seems to be sorely needed at the University if the present situation is to be remedied.

Raymond N. Ball, ’13, who represents the administration on the Alumni Council and is also president of the Board of Control, called attention to the growing unrest among college authorities everywhere over the commercialism and other excesses of modern football and expressed satisfaction that the University of Rochester has thus far maintained a clean and sane policy in all of its athletics. In this connection he asked the other alumni present to indicate just how far they wished to see the University go in the development of football. In response the consensus of opinion seemed to indicate that the alumni do not wish to see Rochester become a so-called “football college.” They only wish to see it give a uniformly satisfactory exhibition
of the modern game, which will enable it to win one-half, or more, of its games against other institutions in its class, such as Amherst, Wesleyan, Williams, Oberlin, Hamilton and Hobart.

Following the open football discussion, Secretary Smith announced the appointment of Norman Nairn, '09, Alcott Neary, '14, Fred E. McKelvey, '18, and the alumni secretary ex officio to serve under Chairman Burt F. Ewell, '14, as the standing undergraduate activities committee of the Alumni Council, prescribed by the constitution. Upon motion this committee was authorized to appoint such sub-committees of three members each as the Board of Control may at any time request to advise with it on any of the various phases of student activities.

The meeting then adjourned, but not the discussion, which was continued by the group method for an hour or two longer, with unabated fervor. If the meeting accomplished nothing else, it again demonstrated the unquenchable interest of the alumni, as represented in the new Alumni Council.

H. A. S.

ATHLETICS

Football's Fighting Finish

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Our football team again lost the annual Thanksgiving Day game with Hobart at University Field, but those of us who have contended that we would not be critical in defeat, if the players would evidence a fighting spirit, had a chance to feel considerable satisfaction in the game, for the Rochester men staged a splendid exhibition against a high-class, brilliant aggregation. The score was 17 to 6.

Comparative scores and an analysis of the known ability of the rival players in their respective positions gave Hobart a preponderant advantage, and most of the Rochester adherents went to the game expecting the visitors to run our players "ragged," as they did last year. Early in the first quarter, however, it was apparent that the Hobart players were due for the surprise of their comparatively young lives, for the Rochester men fought splendidly from the opening whistle and it was either team's game up to the last quarter, when our representatives were no longer able to withstand the onslaughts of the heavier Genevans and yielded the touchdown and field goal that assured Hobart of a victory.

Noteworthy as was the showing of the Rochester men, there was the proverbial insect in the ointment in that we might have gone further than put up a thrilling fight against great odds had not two execrable bits of judgment cropped out at inopportune moments. The first of these came in the second quarter when Rochester led, 6 to 0, through aggressive tackling that produced a fumble and an opportunity for Harold Suttle to snare the ball across the Hobart goal line on a fine pass from Johnny Shannon. With only four minutes left to play and the ball in our territory, the obvious procedure was to punt and conserve our advantage, but the Rochester quarter elected to try a forward pass on the third down with the result that one of the Hobart backs intercepted the ball, and before time was called the visitors had scored a touchdown. Chapman's goal gave Hobart a 7-to-6 lead.

Again, late in the third period, with the Orange and Purple still held to a one-point lead, Hobart, on its 25-yard line, tried a lateral pass, the type of play that had wrought havoc with us last year. Again the Rochester forwards broke up the play before it was well under way, and in fact one of them had his hands on the ball only to ground it and jog back to his position under the delusion that it had been a for-
ward pass and that the ball would be automatically returned to the point where it was put in play. The player in question had a clear field and could either have scored or carried the ball to within a few yards of the Hobart goal line.

These two slips, though, should not detract from the credit due the Rochester players for their stellar work. Our offense, aside from making the most of the opportunity to score, was impotent, but the defense was a thing of joy to Rochester partisans. As one qualified observer and student of the game expressed it, the tackling was the best shown by our teams in at least two years.

Captain "Bill" Callaway, playing his last game, led the defense with as fine a bit of work as has been our privilege to witness. Time and again he broke through the Hobart forward wall and downed the runner before he was well under way. Harold Suttle, also a senior, was equally brilliant while he was in the game. In fact, many believe that had he not been forced out of the game by injuries in the second and again in the third quarter, Hobart would not have scored, as the ground gained prior to the tallies of the opposition came on plays through the right side of our line, which proved impregnable while Suttle was in action.

VanDeventer, Kroner, Feurer, Menzies and Metzinger also scintillated in thwarting the trick plays for which "Deak" Welch's Hobart teams are famous. The backfield, composed of Shannon, Gordon, Trenholme and Apperman, also distinguished itself in secondary defensive work, and Trenholme's kicking was superior until the latter part of the game.

Three other games were played since the last issue of the REVIEW was perused by our more or less palpitating public. One was the intersectional game with Oberlin, played on the field of the opposition. The Red and Gold team has not lost a game in two years and sent us home with a 24-to-0 score recorded against us. Those who saw the game report that we deserved a much lower score, as we registered five first downs to nine by our hosts. Three of Oberlin's four touchdowns resulted from our old bugaboo, blocked kicks or intercepted passes.

The Alfred game here on the next Saturday was played in a driving rain, and at the outset of the battle a scoreless tie seemed probable, but the Rochester team took advantage of a fumble and a blocked kick near the Alfred goal line and converted each opportunity into a touchdown. Trenholme, who also did some splendid punting considering the miserable weather conditions, made good one of the two opportunities for points after the touchdowns, and the final count was 13 to 0, for our only victory of the season.

The work of the Rochester players in the Rensselaer game here gave some indication of the spirited opposition that was in store for Hobart in the next battle. The Trojans were a big, heavy team that had been strengthened by the return of Captain Escholz, a brilliant running back, but they found it quite impossible to make repeated gains. In fact, their sole tally came as the result of a partially blocked punt in the last play of the third quarter. The Rochester players put up a sterling defense, when backed up to their goal line, and it took the visitors three downs to score from the four-yard line. A barrage of forward passes was tried by Rochester to overcome the six-point lead, but the red-jerseyed Trojans experienced little difficulty in withstanding the assault to maintain their score of 6 to 0.

MATTHEW D. LAWLESS, '09.

New Football Schedule

A Splendid Program

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If the University of Rochester has ever boasted a better football schedule than that recently announced for next season by Athletic Director Fauver, we do not recall it. The list of opponents contains two of the so-called "Little Three" of New England, including this year's champion of that group; also Oberlin, which again went through the season undefeated and has been at, or near, the top of the Ohio Conference for the last two or three years at least.

MATTHEW D. LAWLESS, '09.

New Football Schedule
Furthermore, two of these three feature opponents will be seen in Rochester in return engagements of home-and-home arrangements. Wesleyan, which has been played twice in Rochester in past years, will appear on our home grounds in return for the game at Middletown a year ago, while Oberlin, played in Ohio this last fall, will be seen in Rochester for the first time.

The program calls for the customary nine games, six at home and three away. The Varsity will again open its season at Amherst, where it made quite a respectable showing in its debut there this last September, in light of Amherst's subsequent achievements. The other out-of-town engagements will be with Hamilton at Clinton and Rensselaer at Troy. Alfred has been moved forward to constitute the first home game, while Hobart will again provide the Thanksgiving Day climax.

Football Coaching Problem and Prospects

The athletic committee of the Board of Control is again confronted by the eternal football coaching problem—a problem which always becomes pressing after a disastrous season and doubly so after two losing years. Any question of the desirability of making a change in the existing staff was taken entirely out of the question class on December 14, when Coach Herbert A. Lorenz, discouraged over results and the situation arising from them, definitely withdrew his name from any consideration for reappointment.

Lorenz, who has been head coach for the past two years, was more or less a victim of circumstances, coming to the University at a time when our material happened to be at a low ebb from which no coach could reasonably be expected to produce winning results. He came to Rochester with a splendid reputation gained at Suffield, where he graduated such stars as Eddie Tryon, of Colgate, and Jim Foley, of Syracuse, and at Barnard School, where he developed a winning team out of very ordinary material.

For a time last year he seemed to be on the road to success, when the Varsity won four straight games, including an unexpected victory over Rensselaer at Troy, only to slump badly in its last two games and lose disastrously to Hobart. This year, with only two veterans left from last year's team, the results were still more dissatisfying, as the season's record would indicate, although the team finished much better than it started. Through it all Lorenz has been a conscientious worker and an out-and-out enthusiast, giving all that he had to the University and making many friends on the campus who will regret his leaving.

He did not quit under fire but only resigned from future consideration for the good of all parties concerned.

And now the athletic committee, with the advice and co-operation of the special football committee of the Alumni Council, is canvassing the field for a successor. The candidacy of "Bo" McMillin, as advanced by his admirers, has already been mentioned in our report of the special meeting of the Alumni Council. At the writing the committee is considering McMillin with open minds and making an honest effort to obtain more intimate and impartial data as to his actual coaching ability and other qualifications. At the same time inquiries are also being projected in other directions. It is the common aim of the committee and its advisers to obtain for next season the best possible coach with whom satisfactory arrangements can be made.

Whoever that coach may be, the Varsity, with any even break of fortune, should have a much better season next year than was its lot this last fall. Captain Callaway and Suttle were the only seniors who played as regulars throughout the season, although Metzinger and Gordon, who won regular berths during the latter half or more of the schedule, Webster, who was incapacitated for several games, and Wolff, will also graduate. Of the men who started the Hobart game this will leave, barring scholastic misfortunes, Feurer and Van-Deventer, guards, Kroner and Menzies, tackles, Captain-elect Shannon, Trenholme and Apperman, backs, with Horner, Haws, Dunn, Patte, Madden, Collamer, Eahney, Smith and King, first-string substitutes.

All of these men should be of considerable more value next fall than they were this, and they will be effectively augmented by several promising freshmen of the recent season, notably Turpin, Krepack and Smith, linemen, Little and Morley, ends, andHAMMILL, Buck, Wilson, Metz, Glosser, and Bleyler, backs. This squad may be reasonably expected to account for a turn at last in the tide of our football fortunes.

H. A. S.
Basketball Season Starts

The Varsity basketball team is still in the formative stage but already shows enough speed and passing ability to promise the development of another reasonably effective aggregation before the season is far advanced. Decided holes were created in the team by the loss of such stars as Brugler, Callaghan and Uhlen, but several of last season's Varsity substitutes and freshman stars are giving signs of rounding out the team into winning form with a little more training and experience in actual play.

Three games have been played at this writing, resulting in one victory and two defeats. Hobart opened the season on December 12 and sprang a surprise by walking off with a 36-to-27 victory. The Genevans showed the strongest aggregation they have ever brought to Rochester and were much farther advanced, showing the advantage of already having played three hard games before the Rochester encounter. The wearers of the Yellow displayed the usual crudities of a first game and were further handicapped in the use of their speed by being obliged to play the game on the small court of the Monroe Junior High School.

The Varsity justified its claim to speed the following week, when it met and defeated Alfred on the large Armory floor by the comfortable score of 34 to 19. This victory was particularly sweet, as the Alfred team had demonstrated its strength the night before by defeating Hobart by two points at Geneva. The first half was close throughout by virtue of the remarkable long distance shooting of the visitors, but Coach Murphy's men gave a splendid display of swift cutting and shooting in the closing period to run away with the decision.

Princeton, last season's Intercollegiate League champion, drew a big holiday crowd to the Armory on the night of December 30. The game proved a decided disappointment, for Rochester lost out, 28 to 20, after outplaying the big league visitors in practically every respect but the vital one of making baskets. Throughout the first half, in particular, the Varsity had the ball in its possession at least two-thirds of the time, out-speeding and out-passing its rangy opponents, but seemed utterly unable to make it drop through the hoop. There were nearly 100 Princeton alumni present, and the scene was further enlivened by the very creditable initial appearance of the new University band of twenty pieces, composed of college and Eastman School musicians.

Captain Rufus Hedges, at a guard, is the only veteran who is yet at all certain of his position, although big Moress, who distinguished himself in the final game last season and again in the Alfred contest, has shown enough to give him a strong claim on the other guard assignment. He was out of town for the Princeton game, and his absence in the back court proved a decided handicap. Johnny Shannon is another very capable guard, fast, aggressive, and experienced.

Webster, last year's center, played a spectacular game against Hobart, but was uncertain in the next two contests, and Coach Murphy is still experimenting with bigger men for the pivot position. Miller, who stands well over six feet, may get the call, if he rounds into form after a little more practice. The forwards should again be well taken care of by Jack Curtin, former Varsity substitute, and "Jay" Apperman, scoring ace of last year's freshmen. They are a fast, clever pair, and have two capable understudies in Ehre, another sophomore, and Berman.

The season is young yet, and necessarily more or less experimental, but we still believe that we shall witness some good basketball at Rochester before the curtain is rung down in March.

H. A. S.

Shannon Wins Captaincy

Johnny Shannon, '27, star halfback of the recent season, was the unanimous choice of the football squad for next year's captaincy. His speed, ruggedness and experience have made him one of the few ground gainers on this year's team, and his consistent work on the defense has also stood out throughout the trying season. These qualifications, coupled with personal popularity, have unquestionably earned him the honor.

There is a little apprehension regarding the availability of Shannon next fall, as he now aims to enter medical school. It is hoped, however, that his plans or work may be so adjusted as to keep him on the team at a time when his presence there will be sorely needed, as he is eligible for
one more year of intercollegiate competition.

Freshman Athletics

The freshman football team played four games in all, resulting in two victories, one tie and one defeat. The victories over Fairport High and the Alfred frosh were recorded in our last issue. The speedy Geneva High team handed the yearlings a 31-to-6 defeat at Geneva, but the frosh had the distinction of being one of the few teams to score against that strong aggregation during the season. The final game with the Hobart frosh, also at Geneva, resulted in a stand-off battle, 6 to 6.

An unusually large freshman basketball squad reported to Coach Campbell but as yet has played no games except in the inter-class series. Promising candidates, in light at least of previous performances on school teams, are Wilson, Kenyon, Metz, Doyle, Sullivan, Smalley, Zornow, Bleyler, Hasley, Cambier and Mann.

The Junior Prom, which was held on Tuesday night, December 22nd and Wednesday morning, December 23, had another University setting this year. Because of construction work now in progress it was impossible to hold it in the Memorial Art Gallery, as in the past two years, and the corridors of the Eastman School of Music, with special electrical decorations, furnished an admirable substitute. Early in the evening the corridor of the second floor was used for dancing and that of the first floor as a lounging room. At midnight supper was served in the basement and dancing continued there until the usual diminutive hours. Ted Weem's orchestra furnished the inspiration, and 175 couples enjoyed a fine party. T. Justin Smith was chairman of the committee.

Dramatics is again on the upward climb, both in quality and in support. The associated clubs gave their first performance of the year before a nearly full house in Catherine Strong Hall on December 18. The offering was "The Devil's Disciple," by George Bernard Shaw, which the cast handled very creditably under the direction of Edward A. Richards, of the English department.

The musical clubs have already started a busy season, with opening concerts in city churches and neighboring towns, while the glee club has made several separate appearances. A joint concert with the clubs of Elmira College for Women followed by dancing, was successfully given on January 8, at the Powers Hotel. Plans are under way for an extended trip between January 23 and February 3, and an opportunity for very wide publicity was also offered the clubs by an invitation from the Eastman School of Music to give a program over the radio on January 6.

There was a fire scare in the Reynolds Building on the noon of December 17, when a blaze of unknown origin suddenly started in the chemical stock room. The janitor of the building was rather painfully burned, but the blaze was practically extinguished before the city fire apparatus arrived to complete the job. The damage was estimated at $1,000.

The college was given a holiday session of two full weeks, beginning Saturday noon, December 19. To accomplish this two extra days over the original schedule were granted by the faculty in response to a general student petition.

Cups were awarded in the late fall for the intramural conquests of last year, as follows: Basketball, neutrals; swimming, tie between Delta Kappa Epsilon and Theta Chi; relays, Delta Kappa Epsilon; baseball, Alpha Delta Phi; track, Alpha Delta Phi; tennis, Alpha Delta Phi; all-round championship cup, Alpha Delta Phi.

The freshmen have made a good start in the inter-class contests by capturing the basketball title, losing only to the sophomores in the last game of the series. Group teams have been preparing for the strenu-
ous intramurals, which are scheduled to start after the holidays.

Students of the College for Men decided by a ballot of 185 to 28 that they would have the United States enter the World Court, and William M. Bush, as University delegate, took that report to the national World Court conference held at Princeton on December 11 and 12.

A new practice in student rousers was instituted this fall by holding a series of Friday noon luncheon meetings in the dining room of Kendrick Hall. These meetings were addressed briefly by different representatives of the coaching staff, the faculty and students, with plenty of singing and cheering interspersed. Their continuance should do much to boost a healthy spirit on the campus.

The freshmen completely eluded the sophis and held a peaceful banquet on Friday evening, December 4, in a small restaurant on South Avenue near Main Street. They were aided in their plot, and rather questionably, by the fact that the musical clubs were giving a concert in the city on the same evening.

Members of the faculty and their wives held a very successful Christmas party on the evening of December 17 at the Faculty Club, with dancing and a special program of stunts and games. The real feature of the evening was the partial demolition of a wonderful, three-story Christmas fruit cake, which had been in course of construction for some weeks previous, with Mrs. Parks, club stewardess, as architect. Dr. William Berry did a good job as chairman of the steering committee.

Dr. Herman Leroy Fairchild, professor emeritus of geology, has issued his 181st publication in the form of a "History of the Genesee Country," appearing as a chapter in a new geologic history of the Genesee Valley. This chapter will also be published as a separate text-book for the use of preparatory schools and colleges in the region covered.

Judge Harry Olson, chief justice of the Municipal Court of Chicago and nationally known authority on questions of criminology and heredity, gave an interesting lecture before a large audience in Catharine Strong Hall on Saturday evening, November 28. The University and the public were indebted to Charles A. Brown, '79, of Chicago, for the appearance of Judge Olson in Rochester.

Delta Rho, the journalistic fraternity fostered by Lester O. Wilder, '11, has been helpfully active this fall. Twenty members of the Campus were its guests at the home of Mr. Wilder on December 3, and a series of noon luncheon meetings were also held with members of the staff in Kendrick Hall for purposes of counsel.
and advice. These meetings were addressed by different alumni and faculty members interested in journalism and advertising.

The student Y. M. C. A. campaign for $1,100, with which to finance its year's activities, went over the top with $11 to spare. John L. Hart, inspiring chaplain of the University of Pennsylvania, spent three fruitful days on the campus in December as guest of the "Y," speaking before the students in chapel and meeting many of them in smaller groups and individually.

Schoolmasters' Club Meets

The Rochester Schoolmasters' Club held its annual luncheon meeting as usual during the convention of the Associated Academic Principals of New York State on Tuesday noon, December 29, in a private room of the Hotel Onondaga, Syracuse. President A. H. Covell, '12, principal of the Oneida High School, presided, and there were 31 in attendance. Dr. William Berry, of the psychology and education department, representing the faculty, told the alumni teachers what the University is attempting to do for teachers through its extension division and summer session, while the alumni secretary described general conditions in the three schools of the University and almost kept the group from returning to the afternoon session of the convention, when he began to dilate upon the football situation. He also discovered that our graduate pedagogues wish to see their alma mater better represented on the gridiron.

Rochester song leaflets were distributed at the tables, and the luncheon was enlivened throughout by the singing of college songs, both old and new. Hoyt Armstrong, '23, of Rochester, made an effective song leader, and Gordon Ridenour, '20, of Corning, N. Y., proved a strong ally at the piano. Edward P. Smith, '95, of Albany, annual chairman of the nominating committee, presented the name of Albert B. Helmkamp, '11, of Pittsford, N. Y., as president for the coming year and again inflicted the office of secretary-treasurer upon the alumni secretary. With no rival ticket in the field, these men were elected. These meetings seem to have grown decidedly in size and interest during the last two or three years.

Scholarship Award and Data

Alpha Delta Phi, with an average of 75.18, was awarded the scholarship cup for 1924-25 by President Rhees at one of the November football rousers. Sigma Delta Epsilon was second of the fraternities, with 74.66, and Psi Upsilon third, with 73.93. The other groups ranked as follows: Commons Club (winners of the cup in 1923-24), 73.63 per cent; Neutrals, 73.42; Delta Upsilon, 73.10; Theta Chi, 73.01; Theta Delta Chi, 71.99; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 70.70.

Scholarship figures for other groups, which were artificially selected, show that this year's managers of athletic teams rank highest with an average of 79.87 per cent. The next highest was the freshman basketball team, with 78.03 per cent. Nonfraternity seniors rated 77.99 per cent, as against 75.94 per cent for fraternity seniors, and 76.79 per cent for all seniors. The Varsity football team had an average of 76.74 per cent, while the freshman football team was lowest with 68.87 per cent.

Possible New Course

The University curriculum for next year will probably contain a new course in physical education, fitting men for instructors in that subject for high schools and other institutions. The course will be given jointly by the Department of Vital Economics and the Physical Education Department. It will be a four-year course, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Physical Education.

Definite announcement of the introduction of the course is dependent upon its recognition by the State Board of Regents, to which Dr. Edwin Fauver, head of the physical education department, recently presented the proposal.

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this university and helped in other ways toward founding it, nevertheless it was the zeal and labor of the Baptists, denominationally, that led to success; (2) that, from the beginning of their undertaking, it was the general plan of those Baptists to make this university one of sound, liberal, and practical higher education, conducted on broad principles and with doors open to all young men possessing the qualifications
usually required for admission to such institutions; and (3) that when this University of Rochester was founded, it was founded as an entirely new institution, independent in every way of any other.

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Numeral Notations

60. Colonel Samuel C. Pierce, veteran school man, was one of four guests of honor at a recent banquet given by the Rochester Elementary School Principals' Association. He has been a school teacher for nearly fifty years. Colonel Pierce was principal of Whitney School 17 in 1873-74, in 1874 was transferred to Genesee School 4, and also served in the Civil War.

64. Harrah J. Reynolds, now living in Buffalo, was one of the original instigators of the present Rochester Y. M. C. A. in 1875, and was its first vice-president. He is reported by his son to be 90 years old and "going strong," able to "sing, play the piano, preach a sermon, and walk five miles."

68. Colonel Willis S. Paine, LL.D., was at his home in the Plaza Hotel, Fifth Avenue and 59th Street, New York City, until the Christmas season, when he left for Palm Beach, to spend the winter.

71. Walter S. Hubbell, of Rochester, was presented with 75 roses by the Hubbell Bible Class of the First Baptist Church in honor of his 75th birthday anniversary. Mr. Hubbell has been teacher of this famous class of men for 34 years.

76. Rev. John B. Calvert, has returned from his farm in the Catskill Mountains at East Windham, New York and is at his home in Irvington, New York.

79. Judge Selden S. Brown is retiring at the judicial age limit of 70 years after twenty years of service as Surrogate of Monroe County. He was the guest of honor at a testimonial dinner attended by more than 200 members of the Rochester Bar Association in the Powers Hotel and was presented with a sapphire ring. The sapphire had been chosen as an emblem of constancy, truth and virtue, qualities displayed by Judge Brown during his long life and service on the Surrogate bench.

80. Homer DeWilton Brookins, Litt. D., is now at Bernardsville, N. J., recuperating from the effects of a very serious operation performed last September in Roosevelt Hospital, New York City. He was able to return to his desk at the Watchman-Examiner in late October and it is hoped that he will be completely recovered in the near future.

83. Calvin P. H. Vary, of Newark, N. Y., was elected trust officer of the Arcadia National Bank and Trust Company by the directors of that institution at a recent meeting. Mr. Vary has been county sealer of weights and measures for Wayne County for the past three years but resigned December 1 to devote his entire time to the new position, to which he brings the benefit of his 33 years' experience as a banker.

87. Dr. John G. MacVicar, founder and former headmaster of the Montclair Academy, Montclair, N. J., sailed for Naples recently after resigning from his position and becoming headmaster emeritus of that institution.

88. Henry Pease, who has been a school teacher for nearly fifty years, was one of the four guests of honor at a recent banquet given by the Rochester Elementary School Principals' Association. He was engaged in school teaching in Orleans county for a number of years, was superintendent at Medina, N. Y., for some time, and then became superintendent of schools at Titusville, Pa., where he remained for about 25 years. Mr. Pease has been making his home in Rochester for the last few years.

89. Walter Scott Bigelow, director of the Miami Chamber of Commerce, president of the Miami Advertising Club and strong supporter of the Orr harbor plan, was recently approached by a group of leading Miami chamber members with a view to his selection as the next president of that body.
'92. Edward R. Foreman, city historian and attorney, was reelected president of the Rochester Bar Association at its annual meeting in December. This is the first time since the formation of the organization in 1892 that one man has held the office of president for two consecutive terms, Mr. Foreman receiving this honor in view of his excellent record and the self-sacrificing interest which he has devoted to the office.

'94. Roger W. Swetland, LL.D., headmaster of the Peddie School, Hightstown, N. J., recently conducted a big celebration in connection with the dedication of Memorial Hall, erected in memory of former students of Peddie who served in the World War.

'95. John P. Morse, of Rochester, has been appointed by Mayor Van Zandt as chairman of the Citizens' Committee to perfect a plan for the operation of the subway railroad.

'98. Hon. James A. Hamilton, Ph. D., Industrial Commissioner of the State of New York, recently delivered an address on "The Wage-earners' Part in Accident Prevention" before the annual convention of the New York State Federation of Labor in Syracuse, N. Y.

'99. Herbert S. Weet, superintendent of schools of Rochester, was named by Governor Smith, as a member of the commission to study the best methods of financing education in the rural districts and cities and the source of revenue for that purpose. He has also been appointed chairman of the Committee on Construction and Bonded Indebtedness.


Professor Charles W. Watkeys, of the department of mathematics, represented the University at the annual convention of urban universities, held in Washington, for the discussion of matters relating to extension work, finances and kindred problems of universities in the large eastern cities. Professor Watkeys also stopped in New York for several days, where he studied administrative practices and class organization at Columbia University, which he expects will aid him in the intensive investigation of university administration in which he is now engaged.

'03. William F. Love was reelected district attorney of Monroe County at the recent election.

'05. Rev. LeRoy Halbert, former pastor of the Bergen Point Baptist Church, Bayonne, N. J., has become pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, of Newark, N. J.

'06. Frederick J. Slater, of Rochester, N. Y., has been recently reelected assemblyman in the Fourth District.

'08. Dr. Harold D. Barss, of Ypsilanti, Mich., spent the holidays in Rochester. He is the only practicing surgeon in Ypsilanti and is president of Washtanaw Co. Medical Association. Dr. Barss also was recently honored by being made a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Arthur Pannamenter, of Rochester, was reelected Assemblyman in the First District at the recent elections.

'09. Dr. Albert W. Kaiser has been elected president of a new medical society which is known as the Rochester Pediatric Society.

'10. Dr. Benjamin J. Slater, physician of the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, was elected president of the New York State Society of Industrial Medicine at the annual meeting held in Syracuse.

Ex. '10. Harry Rosenberg, a well known attorney of Rochester, has been appointed Judge of the City Court by Mayor Van Zandt. Mr. Rosenberg will serve until January 1, 1928.

'11. George B. Snell, until recently a political writer and Albany correspondent of The Times-Union, Rochester, has left the Times-Union to become the head of the Albany Bureau of the New York Sun. State Senator James L. Whitley and Mrs. Whitley, of Rochester, gave a dinner at their home as a compliment to Mr. Snell, at which other political writers of the Rochester newspapers were guests.

'13. Dr. Paul Beaven was elected vice-president of the Rochester Pediatric Society, a new medical society recently organized.

'15. Marion Craig Barry, who is connected with the Manila, P. I., branch of the Lawyers' Cooperative Company, has become engaged to Miss Elizabeth Hawes Jones, of Rochester.

Clarence E. Evans, of the Evans Karbytype Manufacturing Company, recently organized The C. E. Evans Company, to manufacture liquid ink, in St. Louis, Mo.

Ex. '17. Dr. Richard A. Leonardo, of Rochester, has been elected coroner of the Seventh Ward.

'18. Dr. Carl Allen was married to Miss
Helen Houlihan at Rochester on November 12.

Dr. Leland E. Stilwell, of Lakewood, N. J., has become engaged to Miss Elizabeth Hallock, of Leonia, N. J. The wedding is expected to take place in April.

Carlyle B. Newcomb, former principal of Whitehall High School, Whitehall, N. Y., is now attending Yale Law School.

Paul A. McGhee and George S. Carhart, '23, teachers of English at East High School, Rochester, are co-authors of "Magic Casements," an anthology of standard and contemporary poetry, which will be issued by the MacMillan Company early in February. Dr. Raymond D. Havens, '02, Caroline professor of English at Johns Hopkins University, wrote the introduction. It is expected that this edition will be distributed at East and West High Schools and that a later edition, to be published in April, will be sent to all parts of the country.

William E. Hawley, principal of Monroe Junior High School, Rochester, was elected president of the Central Western District of the New York State Teachers' Association at the meeting of the House of Delegates in Syracuse recently.

William Sketchley Gilbert, A. B., '75, A. M., died at Kansas City, Mo., July, 1921, aged 67 years; was a successful lawyer of the firm of Ashley and Gilbert, of Kansas City.

L. Elmer Mason, Jr., ex-’13, died at Rochester, N. Y., June, 1925.

Albert Warren Dyke, A. B., ’78, A. M., died after a brief illness, at Syracuse, N. Y., September 11, 1925, aged 76 years; was principal of Holley Union School, 1878-79; of Penfield Grade School, 1879-80; of Lisle Union School, 1880-81; of Trumansburg Union School, 1881-87; of Ticonderoga Union School, 1888-89; was school commissioner of Essex County, 1890; was principal of Keesville Union School, 1890-92; of Phoenix, 1892-95; was in business from 1895 to 1920, when he retired.

Lewis Alfred Mitchell, ex-’90, D. D., elsewhere, died at Rhinebeck, N. Y., November, 1925, aged 67 years; was graduate of the Rochester Theological Seminary; was pastor First Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb., 1891-93; of First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, N. Y., 1893-97; of First Baptist Church, Rhinebeck, N. Y., 1900-04; was supply clergyman for different pastorates in the north and south.

George Perry Holcomb, A. B., ’89, died at Denver, Colo., November 10, 1925, aged 65 years; was student at Rochester Theological Seminary; was pastor at Mondovi, Wis., 1891-92; was pastor at Pewaukee, Wis., 1892-93; graduated from Divinity School, University of Chicago, 1893; was assistant manager of World’s Fair Accommodation Department, University of Chicago, 1893; was pastor Adirondack Baptist Church, Lake Placid, N. Y., 1896-99; was pastor Gaines and Murray Baptist Church, Orleans Co., 1899-1904; was assistant superintendent, Peoples’ Rescue Mission, Rochester, N. Y., 1904-05; assistant secretary of religious work department, Y. M. C. A., Rochester, N. Y., 1905-06; was later in Y. M. C. A. work and in business at Denver, Colo., until his death.

Archie Treadwell Rinker, Ph. B., ’97, died at Chicago, Ill., November 24, 1925, aged 53 years; was principal of Victor High School, 1897-99; of Akron High School, Akron, N. Y., 1899-04; was superintendent of schools, LeRoy, N. Y., 1904-07; was factory representative of Chicago branch of Kee Lox Manufacturing Co., 1907-1914, and was manager of that branch from 1914 until his death.

J. Roland Ernisse, ex-’24, died at Rochester, N. Y., December 25, 1925, after an intermittent illness following an apparently trivial accident in the University gymnasium, aged 24 years; left college at end of sophomore year to engage in real estate business in Rochester with his father.
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