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Fraternities and Their Suggested Future

By Arthur J. May
Professor of History

In the swirl of vast material and curricular changes, that have been effected at Rochester in the past few years, the status of the fraternities has found little space in the Review. They, too, have experienced profound physical changes, as eight new homes have been acquired, seven of them erected on an attractive fraternity court on the new campus just back from the Genesee River. As a group, the Rochester "houses," though sanely restricted in size, are in architectural design and appointment unsurpassed in the country, and each possesses a distinct individualism.

With the gradual enlargement of the student body there has arisen a demand for additional social organizations. In response thereto Beta Delta Gamma and Alpha Phi Delta have been established in recent years and Kappa Nu has been resurrected and recognized. Undergraduates, somewhat less than half the total, who have not affiliated with a fraternity are united in an organization called the Independents, a name which replaces the colorless one of Neutrals. For these men the superb facilities of the Todd Union serve essentially the same social ends as do the fraternity houses.

Fraternities under Fire

From time to time the fraternity system in general has been under fire because of its undemocratic character, the bickering and quarreling between the several groups and the subversive influence which the fraternities have on the major, or intellectual, aspects of the college experience. State legislators and college administrators have occasionally demanded that the system must be "mended or ended." A characteristic indictment of college fraternalism, which appeared in the American Mercury for October, 1930, under the title "The Nobility of the Campus," deserves the thoughtful study of everyone interested in the subject.

Competent observers, faculty members and mature alumni, who have a perspective on the situation, readily testify that the interest on the part of the fraternities in the academic work of its members has perceptibly mounted in the last ten years. In an address recently delivered before the National Interfraternity Council, Dr. Henry Suzallo, sometime president of the University of Washington and now president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, commented:

"Some remarkable work has been done by the leaders of this Interfraternity Conference in obtaining, by appeal to extrinsic interest, more application to intellectual work in the chapters. The result has saved our faces and made fraternities more respectable in the eyes of administrative authorities."

Appeal to Greek Letter Alumni

Dr. Suzallo continues by saying that what has already been accomplished is insufficient. Alumni, who more fully appreciate the potentialities and traditions of fraternities, should assume a more active role in the life of the chapters. Further, since college education is destined to witness more basic changes within the next generation than in all the years since the founding of the American republic, the alumni ought to acquaint themselves with the developments and support the college authorities in experiments aimed "at the vitalization of college instruction."

One change that is "sweeping" certain parts of the United States at the moment
is the establishment of junior colleges, which movement is bound to have important consequences for the fraternity system; another change, which is undermining the traditional fraternalism, is the plan already in vogue in some institutions, of placing undergraduates in residence halls. “As fast as money can be acquired, the movement to substitute the life of the residential college for the life of the fraternity house will be accelerated.”

While neither of these changes alluded to by Dr. Suzullo seems likely to affect Rochester, the reference to the residential college as a means of enriching the intellectual life of the undergraduates affords me an opportunity to present an idea I have secretly cherished for a number of years.

A Suggestion for Rochester

The erection of the splendid chapter houses at Rochester is silent testimony to the fact that the fraternity system will continue to be a definite part of the life of the college. How can the fraternities make a more valuable contribution to the cardinal objective of higher education than they do at present? In the view of the writer the answer lies in the evolution of the fraternity in the direction of the English residential college. A salient feature of the English scheme, or more exactly of that used at Oxford, is the tutor living with the students and guiding them in the quest for an education. In a modified form this method could be adapted to our situation at Rochester, where the recent inauguration of a curriculum based upon greater individual enterprise might appear to make it especially desirable.

Vital in the new curriculum is the emphasis on a special type of independent work of a research character, carried on by juniors and seniors under the guidance of one or more instructors. Besides, at the end of his senior year, every candidate for a degree is required to take a comprehensive examination covering the entire work in the department of concentration in his junior and senior years. Experience has dictated certain modifications in this program, some departments making optional the pursuit of the independent work.

How Tutors Might Serve

What I would suggest, as a possibility of the future, is that tutors be appointed for each fraternity house and section of the dormitories, whose primary functions should be to direct the study of the men in the upper classes, concentrating in a given field of knowledge, and to aid them in preparing for the comprehensive examination, the balance of his time being devoted to the intellectual interests of the men in the chapter house or section to which he is attached.

Resident tutors would need to possess a broad cultural training, a lively interest in students and learning, as well as knowledge and understanding of a particular subject. Whenever practicable, they should be members of the fraternity, with which they are to be associated, though not necessarily Rochester graduates. While the tutors would be paid by the University, they would be furnished living quarters by the fraternities.

If this scheme were eventually thought possible or worthy of trial, it might first be tested on an experimental basis by one department of the University and in one house. If it proved reasonably satisfactory and funds were available, it could then be gradually extended to all fraternities and dormitory sections and to such departments as regarded the plan feasible.

Whatever practical faults the foregoing proposal may possess, the theoretical merits of it seem impressive. The fraternity system would be more intimately linked up with the central purpose of the college: the training of educated men of intelligence, initiative and character. At their inception the original fraternities were cultural and literary groups; the tutorial plan would assist the present societies in getting back to first principles, while preserving the undeniably valuable social advantages of fraternalism.

Undergraduates would have at their command a fairly mature mind, to which they could appeal for guidance and counsel in the solution of their innumerable problems, such as methods of study, selection of courses and preparation for life beyond the campus. How often have students come to me in their senior year, or shortly after graduation, and bewailed the fact that they took such and such a course, when they now realized that they should have taken some other! How many men have fallen by the wayside, partly because they never really learned how to study! Maladjustments of this sort ought to be at least partially obviated by the tutorial project herein advocated.
It is my opinion that that administration is best, which administers least, and I would not urge the serious consideration of this adaptation of the English residential plan, if I thought it would mean paternalism on the grand scale. Apart from his duties in connection with his academic department, the tutor would exercise an influence over the fraternity, or its members, only when his counsel was actually sought. His role would be that of consultant, in no sense that of a policeman.

A Chance for Pioneering

Rochester, already unique in that it is a small college of the highest standards, possessing a strong faculty and splendid material facilities located on the edge of a great city, has a possible opportunity, it seems to me, to serve as a pioneer in establishing a novel relationship between the intellectual and social life of the college. If the tutorial scheme worked out well here, it would, no doubt, be imitated by other "fraternity" colleges.

In the address of Dr. Suzallo referred to above, an appeal was made to alumni to meditate on proposals advanced for vitalizing the intellectual life of their college. It is the writer’s hope that the readers of the Review will give him, or the editor, the benefit of their frank opinions on this proposal for resident tutors, which, of course, has been advanced solely as a personal opinion.

A Public and Private Servant

Walter S. Hubbell, ’71, whose death on January 1 after a lingering illness is recorded elsewhere, was long a significant figure to the readers of this magazine as a valued trustee of the University since 1895 and a former president of the Associated Alumni. But he was much more than that—head of one of Rochester’s strongest and most important law firms, vice-president of the Eastman Kodak Company, trustee or director of numerous other institutions, founder and for many years leader of one of the largest and most widely known men’s Bible classes in America. Nor does his unusual record of usefulness rest alone on these varied connections of public significance. He is probably mourned most by a host of individuals, who knew him as a warm friend and personal helper.

A Friend of Roosevelt

A detailed listing of Mr. Hubbell’s activities is to be found in the memorial notice on another page. Several are of particular interest. During his term in the State Assembly, where he represented his Monroe County district in 1884-85, he was very nearly elected speaker and was made chairman of the committee on general laws by his successful opponent. Conspicuous for his independence, he soon formed a friendship with Theodore Roosevelt, a colleague of similar characteristic, which endured until the latter’s death.

Walter Sage Hubbell, ’71
The activity, which may be said to have yielded Mr. Hubbell his widest fame, was a labor of love. The Hubbell Class for men was established in the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church in 1892. Soon outgrowing its quarters, it was given a large room used for lectures. In time that, too, became inadequate, and it erected a building of its own next to the church and known as “Hubbell Hall,” which also serves other interests of the church during the week.

At its peak of enrollment before the World War, the class numbered more than 700 members, with an average attendance of 500. Mr. Hubbell not only addressed it regularly every Sunday, until prevented by failing health, but was always available to its members as personal friend and adviser.

Published Tributes

Following Mr. Hubbell’s death Rochester newspapers devoted liberal space to personal tributes from prominent citizens and to resolutions adopted by the various institutions with which he was associated. The resolution of the Board of Trustees of the University follows:

“The death of Walter Sage Hubbell brings to a close his long and loyal connection with the University of Rochester, from which he received the degree bachelor of arts in 1871, and of which he has been a trustee since 1895, having served also as a vice-chairman of the Board since 1923. “Up to the time when illness laid him aside, he was always attentive to his duties as a trustee, giving liberally of his time and money and abilities for the furtherance of the interests of his Alma Mater. He was proud of its progress and solicitous that that progress should be toward the realization of the highest ideals of the spirit. “This was characteristic of his whole life, and was revealed in his professional career and his manifold relations to the religious, business and civic interests of our people. “His colleagues in the Board hereby record their sense of loss in his death, and their deep sympathy with his family.”

An intimate estimate of his character is contained in the following from the directors of the Eastman Kodak Company:

“Success as attorney and business man never took away from Walter Hubbell the human touch. In business he was keen, but always fair. He was intensely religious, but religion to him never meant a somber countenance. His mind and spirit were so sprightly, even in his advanced years, as to be at times almost boyish; yet back of it all was an uprightness, a consciousness of right and wrong, a human kindliness that endeared him to all who knew him . . . And we have lost more than a valued business associate; we have lost a broad-visioned, cheerful friend, whose life was a symbol of integrity.”

Memorial Service

A most striking demonstration of the place which Mr. Hubbell filled in the lives of his associates was the tribute paid him by a congregation of nearly 1,000 men and women in the First Baptist Church at its service of Sunday, January 24, following a special memorial service of the Hubbell Class. The sentiments of the many were given expression by the minister, Rev. Donald B. MacQueen, in his sermon, by President Rhees and by other religious and civic leaders of the community. The latter included, among others, Judge Henry D. Shedd, ’95, Louis S. Foulkes, city councilman and University trustee, and Howard J. Henderson, ’17, all past presidents of the class. Many letters had also been received from former class members, now scattered in all parts of the country.

Perhaps the most significant tribute was paid by a man, inconspicuously seated in the congregation, who, after listening to the more formal eulogies, arose and said:

“A long time ago I was in trouble. I took my story to Mr. Hubbell. ‘If I help you out this time, will you go straight?’ he asked. I promised. He helped me, and I kept my promise. I have gone straight ever since.”

That spontaneous statement was a concrete indication of what Walter Hubbell meant in the lives of an untold number of men, his “boys,” during the past forty years—a heritage well worth leaving.

H. A. S.
Professor Fairchild in Flesh and in Bronze

Professor Herman L. Fairchild spent a most agreeable evening on January 14, when he enjoyed the unusual privilege of hearing himself memorialized in terms of sincere eulogy, and seeing himself unveiled in lasting bronze, while yet in the status of hale and hearty life. It was the occasion of the presentation to the University, by the Rochester Academy of Science, of a bronze replica of the plaster bust of Professor Fairchild, done last year by Miss Blanca Will, of the Memorial Art Gallery staff. The ceremony took place before a joint meeting of the Academy and Sigma Xi fraternity, with invited guests, in the Chester Dewey building, following a dinner in Todd Union.

Professor Floyd C. Fairbanks, '01, president of the Rochester Academy of Science, who had been particularly active in promoting the memorial project, presided and formally presented the bust to the University. The guest speaker of the evening was Dr. Heinrich Ries, professor of geology at Cornell University, Professor Fairchild's Alma Mater. After paying a warm tribute to his friend of many years standing, he presented a comprehensive paper on "Industrial Applications of Geology."

Some Good Speeches

It is no reflection whatever on Dr. Ries' address, nor on the perfectly adequate remarks of Professor Fairbanks, Dr. John R. Murlin, president of the Rochester chapter of Sigma Xi, and Dr. Harold L. Alling, '15, one-time student under Professor Fairchild and now occupying his former chair of geology, to state that features of the evening were provided by President Rhees' very happily worded acceptance of the bust and Professor Fairchild's own characteristic response to the whole procedure. A condensation of President Rhees' tribute follows in substance:

"It is an exceptionally felicitous thing when a man's friends are able to express in his lifetime their regard for him and to erect a fitting memorial while he is living. It is difficult for us to realize the significance of Professor Fairchild's work. In 1888 he began a study of the present Western New York and the wider area of the state affected by the great glacial period. We have been impressed by the enthusiasm with which this work has been carried on. The doing of a great work without adequate facilities is one of the greatest achievements a man can make."

"Another and an abiding memorial is the men who, after studying under Professor Fairchild, have gone out to teach or serve as geologists in this and other countries. To you, my friend and colleague, I give my warmest congratulations. The longer you stay with us to mock this metallic imitation the more will we thank God."

Grateful but Facetious

In his response to it all Professor Fairchild was entirely "Fairy" again. Believing that his former students will be interested to know how he felt in helping to dedicate a memorial bust of himself, we gladly give space to the following excerpts:

"In genuine modesty, or in assumed humility, I might question my deserving of this high recommendation. But that would impugn your judgment and reflect on your wisdom in the matter, and would be ungracious, so I must humbly accept your verdict. You have observed my goings-out and my comings-in for toward half a century, and you have averaged my record for a passing mark.

"You are doing that which I have long advised—instead of abusing the living person and praising him when dead, we should find commendation for the living and tell the truth about the departed. Uncompli-
mentary facts cannot hurt the dead, but may be deterrent in behavior of the living.

"It was a very fortunate day and circumstance for me when I was surprised by the sudden call to Rochester. And also great good fortune in finding in this garden spot of America a field of surpassing geologic interest. This environment has been largely responsible for my professional success. Had I been dropped down on some barren region, my scientific record would have been very different.

"In the daily round I will now have to "watch my step" with circumspection in order to live on the high level demanded by this added compliment. Or will I also have to 'live it down?'

Immortality of Bronze?

"To assure me immortality you have caused my features to be reproduced in bronze. But on this unstable planet, and in the precarious condition of humankind, perpetuity is a term in relativity. And it may not be improper, at this moment, to conjecture as to the ultimate fate of this piece of metal portraiture. Perhaps in the years to come, when no one of my students and friends is living to speak for 'Fairy'; and the 'world forgetting is by the world forgot,' some heartless and 'hard-boiled' curator may decide that properly it belongs with the antiques, if not with the fossils, or possibly with the anthropologic curiosities. And eventually it may be melted for practical use.

"But if it shall survive such fates of the near future, what then? In the remote duration, of some thousands of years, when our hectic and farcical civilization has gone to wrack, and this city of Rochester has crumbled and dissolved, perhaps some lonely deliver in ruins of buried and forgotten cities may excavate in this locality, and discover this bit of corroded metal. And the unusual cranial conformation of the portrait may cause him to regard the Rochester Fossil Man as the type of a singular, extinct variety of the race.

"And now! Well, I shall never have an equal honor. Here and now for me is life's culmination. And I am quite ready for any fate. Yet, even at my age, I have some reserve of unused animal energy and am not anxious to 'flee the evils that we have for those we know not of,' . . .

"Again I thank you, and tomorrow I'll go back to my desk, to resume quietly my happy service to science; to the Academy and the University, with assurance that my life's work has been highly appreciated and that I have not existed uselessly."

The actual unveiling of the bust was performed by Jean Fairchild, a granddaughter of the professor and daughter of Leroy F. Fairchild, '07. Following the ceremonies it was placed on its permanent, granite pedestal in the lobby of the Chester Dewey Building, where it may be viewed at any time.

Washington Exhibit

An interesting exhibit commemorating the bi-centennial anniversary of the birth of George Washington is on display in the reception room on the second floor of the Rush Rhees Library. Besides a series of twenty life portraits, there are three original autographs of the first president from the collection of Charles A. Brown, '79, as well as autographs of such famous contemporaries as John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, John Marshall, John Hay and King George the Third. Other intriguing items include a facsimile of Washington's expense accounts during the war, kept in his own handwriting; photographic copies of his surveys when a young man; a letter written by Robert Morris and a copy of the parole of Lord Cornwallis given to Washington at the surrender at Yorktown.
A Lawyer's Impressions in London and Paris

By William Roy Vallance, '10
Assistant to Solicitor of State

As many of the readers of the Alumni Review belong to the legal profession, they may be interested in some of the occurrences experienced and enjoyed by the party of lawyers which visited London and Paris during the past summer, and of which I was so fortunate as to be a member.

At the House of Commons

Through the assistance of a secretary of the American embassy, tickets were obtained to a night session of the House of Commons. Lloyd George was present, accompanied by his daughter, Meighan Lloyd George. They formed the center of an interesting group, when a division was called for, and the decision of Lloyd George very largely decided whether the Liberal party would walk out one door or the other and thereby cause the downfall of Sir Ramsay MacDonald and the Labor government.

A member of the House of Commons, representing the radical Labor group, made a very fiery address in which he made uncomplimentary remarks concerning members of the House, whereupon the speaker rapped for order and some members yelled, "Gie 'im 'is 'at an' kick 'im out." A few evenings before that a recalcitrant member had refused to obey the speaker. The mace was brought forward, and several guards were required to subdue the disturbing member and remove him from the hall.

Upon entering into conversation with the man next to us, it was ascertained that he was former Governor Cox, of Massachusetts, and was well acquainted with several officials whom I know in Washington from that state. Shortly before we left, a distinguished gentleman entered the gallery on crutches, and we were advised that he was a general who had had both legs shot off in the battle of Gallipoli.

Old Bailey and Scotland Yard

The following day, the party was received by Sir Ernest Wild, K. C., recorder of the City of London, at the Old Bailey where the London Assizes and the London Sessions are held. The Old Bailey is on the site of the old Newgate Prison in Newgate Street, and once housed the Court of the Chamberlain of the City. On the dais occupied by Sir Ernest Wild and Judge Booth, of the United States Court of Claims, flowers and herbs were scattered about in conformity with a custom adopted many years ago at the opening of Trinity term, as fever was prevalent among prisoners in the spring and it was believed that the flowers and herbs would prevent the judges from getting the disease. Several members of the party were entertained at luncheon by the judges of Old Bailey and sat on the bench with them during the afternoon. Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, a son of Charles Dickens, was a particular center of attraction on this occasion.

One of the most interesting experiences of our trip was a visit to Scotland Yard. Old Scotland Yard was originally situated in the Charing Cross District and derived its name from the fact that the kings of Scotland and their ambassadors lodged there. It became the official residence of the surveyor of works to the crown and later offices of the commissioners of the police. Our guide described the work carried on by Scotland Yard, pointing out that its official responsibility is limited to London, that when a serious crime occurs outside London, if the sheriff or other police official requests assistance from Scotland Yard, an officer may be detailed to assist in solving the crime.

Prefer Psychology to Guns

He explained that the police of London do not carry guns because it has been found, as a matter of psychology, that the crowd will side with the policeman when he is endeavoring to arrest a criminal without the use of arms. He pointed out that during the riots instigated by Lord George Gordon on June 2, 1780, the police of London used their arms quite freely, with the result that the man on the street turned against the police officer. The absence of arms makes the arrest of the criminal "more of a sporting proposition," and the man on the street, therefore, backs up the police to the limit. It was ascertained, however, that if a man is caught carrying a gun in London without a permit, he is subject to imprisonment, and very strict regulations are enforced regarding the sale of arms. Furthermore, when the police go out to arrest desperate criminals, they go armed.

Asked what the police did in case a gang
of bandits undertook to rob a bank in the
day time, our guide had some difficulty in
understanding the terminology and then
said, "Oh, you mean a smash and grab
raid." He stated that through means of
checking up on the disposal of stolen prop­
exty the police had been very successful in
recovering property and arresting the crim­
ninals involved. Several motor cars equipped
with radio for detecting criminals, while
cruising about the streets of London, were
shown to us.

Where Heads Are at Stake

After leaving London and crossing the
Channel to Boulogne-sur-Mer, we were met
by a delegation representing the Paris bar,
who accompanied us to Paris. At the Pa­
lais de Justice we visited the Courts of
Justice conducted by avocats who spoke
English. A session of the Court of Cassa­
tion, the highest court of France, which
we attended, was of particular interest.

A brilliant young woman lawyer, Ma­
dame Juliet Veillier-Duray, in conducting
some of us through one of the courts re­
marked that the last time she had been in
that room she had "asked for a man's
head." She then explained that the man
had been sentenced to be guillotined, but
that as a result of her appeal his sentence
was commuted to life imprisonment. It
was also stated that the prisoner is not ad­
vised in advance of the date on which he
is to be executed. His lawyer and a priest
are told the night before the execution is to
take place; they awaken him at 4:00 A.
M., and an hour later he is publicly guillo­
tined.

Turbulence in French Senate

Another outstanding experience of the
trip occurred during a visit to the French
Senate. I had often heard that turbulent
scenes took place in the House of Deputies
and had read about the excitability of the
French temperament, but never had I real­
ized the extent to which the French were
capable of strong feeling and expression
of emotions. The session of the Senate
was held for the impeachment of a mem­
der of the cabinet.

The writer was reminded of the days
when the ethics of sportsmanship were not
so well advanced among students at foot­
ball games, and when uncomplimentary re­
marks respecting the opposing team were
quite in order from the bleachers. It was
a very dramatic scene. Feeling ran high
on both sides, and the presiding officer fre­
quently rang a small bell in the hope of
causing disorder to subside. The galleries
were crowded with the friends of the ac­
cused, and it was not surprising to read
in the papers the following day that the
Senate had dismissed the charges.

On the Trail of Franklin

During a trip through the chateau coun­
try, following the official entertainment in
Paris, particular interest centered in
Chenonceau, a beautiful chateau which
was visited frequently by Benjamin Frank­
lin during his negotiations with the French
government. Our guide had told us a great
deal about the cruelties and abnormalities
of Catherine de Medici, and, as we were
looking over a case containing profiles of
distinguished persons who had lived at the
chateau, we noticed two of Franklin.

One of the party, who was from New
Orleans and who had made a considerable
study of Franklin's life, gave us a very
graphic picture of his experiences in
France, and it was quite thrilling to pic­
ture before our eyes in that very room the
tall, suave citizen of Philadelphia, meet­
ing the cultured and aristocratic French
men and women and winning their support
for the cause of the American Revolution.
Two More Big Alumni Nights on the Campus

"Clip," said Meyer, "you are ominously silent."

"Meyer," said Clip, "you haven't said anything yet."

"Well, you at least said something then," retorted Meyer, "a large mouthful, in fact."

Time and place: Third Alumni Campus Night in Todd Union.

Party of the first part: Meyer Jacobstein, '04, answering a barrage of questions after his talk on "Practical Politics."

Party of the second part: Charles E. Bostwick, '90, who had remained strangely and disappointingly silent throughout the colloquy.

This little exchange of pleasantries was one of the dashes of spice which seasoned the free-for-all discussion on the above occasion. As Dr. Jacobstein, former University professor of economics and ex-Congressman, had been holding forth for the better part of an hour at the time, it might appear a discouraging estimate of the content of his vocal effort, had it been subscribed to by the other hundred-odd alumni present, whose rapt attention and lively response indicated quite a contrary judgment.

But we are getting ahead of our story. For there have been two of these Alumni Campus Nights since our previous issue—one on Monday evening, January 18, and another, that of the Meyer—"Clip" dialogue above, on Monday evening, February 15.

The steady growth in unforced attendance, from the 70 already reported for the first night in late November, to 100 on the second and 107 on the third, is a pleasing barometer of the growing enthusiasm with which this innovation is being received. The third attendance figure was particularly noteworthy, since it was recorded on one of the few really wintry days of the season, and a number, who had made definite reservations, failed to appear.

Dean Weld Disputes Wiggin

Dean William E. Weld, professor of economics, featured the party of January 18 in answering the question: "Was Wiggin Right?" The Wiggin in question was Albert H., chairman of the board of directors of the Chase National Bank. There seemed some initial uncertainty around the head table as to just what Mr. Wiggin had said to be right about. After this had been established as his pronouncement that business depressions like the present travel in cycles of inevitable recurrence, Dean Weld proceeded most comfortably to disagree with him.

The dean admitted the very apparent operation of these cycles to date, but his general thesis was to the effect that they are controlled by economic forces which are man-made and hence susceptible to alteration by man. In developing his position he outlined and disputed the contrary theories, which have been advanced by the physiocrats and others, that natural forces of supply and demand control our economic eras.

Some Man-Made Factors

The speaker traced the growth of present day, large scale production and showed how one of the forces which brought about the American Revolution was the mercantile policy of England in exporting more than she imported. He paid his respects in no uncertain terms to our high tariff walls, asserting that they and other international maladjustments are the main factors in the economic depression. (In stating that "even we Republicans of Monroe County" now admit the folly of the high tariff, he turned to his immediate right and included Judge Harlan Rippey, '98, in the category of that first person plural,

Disagreed with Mr. Wiggin
which discloses that he is not yet fully oriented to his environment—but even a dean may be allowed one mistake in the course of a long evening.)

"When international complications over the tariff and other things can be straightened out," he further declared, "we may expect to see improvement in business. As long as the United States continues to drain the world's gold, we shall be in poor circumstances. Foreign countries, notably Germany, cannot pay us in money, because we have it, and they cannot pay us in goods because of our high tariff. A free flow of goods and capital throughout the world are means by which men can control the apparently inevitable forces that are perplexing the world."

The whole subject was largely an academic question to which the dean brought his well-practiced powers of academic analysis and exposition. That he succeeded in bringing it down to earth was indicated by the free flow of questions which followed his talk.

Political Machinery Antiquated

Meyer Jacobstein, on February 15, provided the treat which had been anticipated in his intimate discussion of "Practical Politics," as he had found them in Washington and elsewhere. He gave us the benefit of the objective viewpoint of a trained mind, which had been directed for six years to the surprising operations of the political machinery in our national capital. In so doing he was entirely frank and at the same time tolerantly non-partisan, exposing the weaknesses and foibles which he had discovered among his own party leaders at Washington as freely as those of the opposition. He even told us confidentially how he came to be a Democrat, for it would appear that he was not born that way.

His major contention was that the United States finds itself compelled to face the most profound economic problems in its history with an antiquated political machine, which is not geared to driving the nation properly. Until politics is rid of its social stigma, he held, and made a worthy career for educated men of talent and a genius for statesmanship, the body politic will continue in its present deep rut, with the state and national legislatures as inept as now in their conduct of the tremendous economic organization which the nation has become.

He would like to see the interest of college men more widely awakened, and their political education begun, in their undergraduate days, but he decried the fact that in all too many institutions the professors are practically muzzled by supporting interests from indulging any free exposition of governmental policies, both local and national. He emphasized, however, that in his own experience on the faculty of the University of Rochester his hands had never been so tied.

Although believing in parties, he declared that the two great parties are no longer distinguished by any clearly drawn programs, that the electorate votes for personalities rather than policies, that there are no longer any mandates from the people on big questions of governmental policy. He predicted, therefore, that in the next election both parties will "duck" every large, controversial question. He said that he found non-partisanship at Washington in the desire of each Congress-man to get everything possible for himself and his district, admitting that the Democrats had so shared in the sin of our present tariff.

Most legislation of the past ten years, such as that for farm relief, he characterized as engendered and surrounded by "hokum." He did see considerable good, however, in the different measures recently adopted for economic relief, declaring that the depression has passed the economic stage and become largely psychological; hence that anything, which checks bank failures and so improves the mental attitude, is bound to help, although it should have come a year earlier. In the course of his talk and the subsequent discussion he covered a wide variety of timely subjects, ranging from Great Britain's gold standard to the Rochester post office. He was not exactly a Pollyanna of optimism, but he certainly was "practical"—and that is what he was asked to be.

At both of these Alumni Campus Nights President Eugene C. Denton, '87, presided. The speeches were preceded by songfests, led by Raymond B. Lewis, '10, on January 18, and by Theodore F. Fitch, '22, on the latter occasion. On both nights the recreational facilities of Todd Union and the Alumni Gymnasium were kept working until midnight. Announcement was made of the fourth Alumni Campus Night on Monday evening, March 21, as indicated elsewhere in this issue. H. A. S.
FROM THE OFFICE MAIL BOX

Fruitful Insomnia at 85
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

In my 85th year I am the only living graduate of '72. I am in regular receipt of the ALUMNI REVIEW and appreciate it much. I wish I were able to join the alumni contributors. Since that may not be, I am inclosing the annual subscription of one dollar.

On a recent night I was plagued with insomnia. My mind fell to rhyming, and the next morning gave birth to the following:

O FOOLISH DOUBT!

Naught man can do remains undone
To prove the fool's vain boast—"No God!"—
To dog from human minds the faith,
Man's soul came else than from the sod.
Yet men stay stubbornly unwon;
For God is in man's very soul,
The essence of its subtle norm;
To e'en forecast the coming storm,
And hear the unheard thunder roll;
To catch the light of unseen worlds:
Hear lofty speech, and ravishing songs
From the silent air. O foolish man!
Why doubt thy soul divine that longs
For God, and His righteous flag unfurls?

I understand the stanzas are already in type in the Presbyterian Advance, of Nashville, Tenn.

(Rev.) LEWIS H. MOREY, '72.

Socially Sympathetic
Springfield, Mo.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Congratulations on your editorial on "Contrasts Between Fifth and Sixth Avenues." You are exactly right, and I only wish our Congress saw things the same way. My constant traveling brings me into contact with all sorts of people, including worthy highway pedestrians, from whom I obtain the other man's viewpoint. Our people are patient and willing to wait a reasonable time for better days, but they will not wait forever. Anyway, I wish more people could come to understand the situation as you indicate it in your January issue.

WILBUR W. BANCROFT, '07.

From a Sister Institution
Orono, Maine.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have read with much interest the lead article in the November number of your REVIEW. I think I have written you before, inquiring for information about your Union, but at that time it had not advanced enough to give me definite information. I wonder if we might have a copy of the attractive, illustrated booklet you mentioned.

I was interested in the editorial, headed "Compulsion If Need Be." I think there is a big germ of truth in the central thought of your editorial.

CHARLES E. CROSSLAND,
Sec., University of Maine.

Some Helpful Suggestions
New Stanton, Pa.

Dear Mr. Treasurer:

I enclose a one-dollar check as a subscription to the ALUMNI REVIEW for the year 1931-32. As to the need of alumni funds, it is my opinion that considerable could be raised by an alumni theatrical, baseball or football game during Commencement week. A boxing bout between Herbert Napoleon Bramley and Kid Kayo Killowatt would draw a full house. Down our way, when hard-pressed financially, we rob a bank.

BURTON S. Fox, '89.

(The last suggestion above is at least practical. We have about reached the bank-robbing stage but shrink from the job locally. Our city banks are too populated with alumni, whom we cannot afford to alienate. We might tackle one of the outlying country banks, if the writer will loan us an ice pick.—Ed.)

Found Chapel Beneficial
Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I have read your editorial about compulsory chapel attendance in your November number and applaud the sentiment. Why worry so much about offending student
opinion? The Baptist founders of the University would probably turn over in their graves, if they knew that this last remnant of religious observance had been abolished as a compulsory feature. I am not a Baptist and do not particularly enjoy going to a service in a Baptist church, but I never found anything objectionable about the chapel exercises, which I attended when a student, and there were times when I obtained some real benefit from them.

Stanley W. Worthington, '20.

Dr. J. S. Stevens Resigns as Dean of Maine

Friends and classmates of Dr. James Stacy Stevens, '85, will regret to learn that he has been compelled by ill health to resign from his present active connection with the University of Maine, where he has been professor of physics since 1891 and dean of the college since 1905, during which period the enrollment in arts and science has grown from 82 to 647. He was also director of the summer school from 1902 to 1924, editor of the university catalogue from 1905 to 1924, was instrumental in establishing a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at the University in 1922, and established a course in Biblical literature in 1920, having delivered some 100 lectures on this subject to different organizations.

This represents quite a varied range of activities for a physics professor, but he has also found time to publish seven books and about 150 articles on scientific, literary and educational subjects, two of which we are happy to have published in the ALUMNI REVIEW. If his health permits, he writes that he will resume his lectures on Biblical literature in the fall.

Under a seven-column head, the Bangor Daily News of February 5 ran his cut and a story of his resignation and career, in which President H. S. Boardman, of the University of Maine, made the following statement:

"The resignation of Dean Stevens severs a companionship which has existed for nearly forty-one years. Dean Stevens came to the university as professor of physics in 1891, the same year I entered as a student. Later upon my return to the faculty of the institution, the friendship which began as teacher and student continued and has ripened with the passing of the years.

"He was the first dean of the College of Arts and Science and took a great pride in its development and should look back upon his work with much satisfaction. It is with sincere regret that our administrative relations are to be severed. It is, however, pleasing to realize that he will still be with us in the capacity of a teacher."

Sigma Xi Exhibition

The Rochester chapter of Sigma Xi, national scientific fraternity, celebrated Washington's Birthday in an unusual manner by giving a public and comprehensive, all-day exhibition in the Chester Dewey Building of current achievements in scientific research. The exhibition, said to be the first of its kind ever presented in this country, attracted hundreds of visitors and was accorded high commendation by scientists and laymen alike.

There were more than 100 exhibits from twenty University departments of research activity, including those of chemistry, anatomy, vital economics, radiology, physiology, surgery, gynecology, bacteriology, biology, pathology, medicine, museum, optics, biochemistry and even the psychology of music. One of the outstanding exhibits was a device for taking X-ray motion pictures of the heart and intestines, nearly perfected after three years of cooperative experimentation by scientists of the Strong Memorial Hospital and the Eastman Kodak and Bausch & Lomb Optical Companies.

Dr. Wallace O. Fenn, of the medical faculty, opened the day with a lecture before some 900 children in Strong Auditorium on "Arms and Legs and How They Work," illustrated by motion pictures and special apparatus with which he showed the electricity generated by muscular reactions. Dr. C. E. Kenneth Mees, head of the research laboratories of the Eastman Kodak Company, concluded the day with a lecture in the same auditorium in the evening on "Photography in the Service of Astronomy."

Officers of Sigma Xi, in charge of the day's activities, were Dr. John R. Murlin, professor of vital economics, president; Dr. William A. Berry, professor of psy-
Two Coming Features of Appeal to Alumni

Two musical features on the campus should attract many alumni during coming weeks. The first is the Home Concert on Saturday evening, March 19, with dancing to follow in Todd Union, all at the reduced rate of one dollar per ticket. One or two alumni groups are already planning to hold dinner parties in Todd Union before the concert and make a night of it. This seems to be a happy idea, and such reservations will be welcomed by the Union. Although there is no symphony orchestra with the Glee Club this year, the latter is unusually good and is planning a more varied and interesting program than usual.

The second offering, that of the “Student Quince” in Strong Auditorium on Saturday evening, April 16, should prove particularly attractive to alumni, as it revives on a more elaborate scale the original musical comedy of college life, so popular in old “Soph Joll” days. All dramatic interests of the second semester center on this one production, and the price has been set at fifty cents to insure a crowd. The music, by Edward Ehre, ’32, is especially tuneful. The chorus is being drilled by a professional dancer of long stage experience, and the cast, with such headliners as Howard Witt, ’32, Lincoln Burrows, ’33, and Clifton Darling, ’33, promises a sparkling performance.

Alumni Fund Contributors

Our honor roll of Alumni Fund contributors is growing slowly. Since our last issue we have received 31 additional contributions for a total of $195.50, raising the grand total to date to 335 contributions for $2,489.50. These figures must swell more rapidly between now and June, if our minimum budgetary requirements are to be met. The additional contributors are listed below by classes, the figures in each instance representing the grand totals to date for the respective classes. The class of 1916, which stood still, continues to hold the lead in total number of contributions, with 12, though now closely pressed by 1909, 1911 and 1918, as well as 1915. For the largest total amount of $85.00, the class of 1899 has now been tied by 1909. The added names and revised figures follow:

1877—George C. Hollister. Class total—$62.50; contributors—4.
1879—Selden S. Brown, Melvin E. Crowell. Class total—$32.00; contributors—4.
1884—C. F. Pratt. Class total—$35.00; contributors—4.
1885—W. L. Baker. Class total—$55.00; contributors—6.
1887—Eugene C. Denton. Class total—$10.00; contributors—1.
1892—Edward R. Foreman. Class total—$76.00; contributors—9.
1895—Edward P. Smith. Class total—$50.00; contributors—5.
1900—J. L. Broughton, Frank L. Buell. Class total—$40.00; contributors—5.
1901—C. W. Watkeys. Class total—$25.00; contributors—4.
1902—Edward F. Feely, Ray H. Hart. Class total—$80.00; contributors—9.
1904—W. Bruce Large. Class total—$40.00; contributors—4.
1906—Arthur Rathjen. Class total—$71.00; contributors—9.
1907—George T. Palmer. Class total—$55.00; contributors—9.
1909—S. Park Harman. Class total—$85.00; contributors—11.
1910—Edwin P. Smith. Class total—$64.00; contributors—10.
1911—W. J. Clancy, E. P. Killip, Yale Parce. Class total—$72.00; contributors—11.
1912—E. B. Taylor. Class total—$70.00; contributors—9.
1913—Earle Rugg. Class total—$71.00; contributors—10.
1914—John M. Hoefflin. Class total—$48.00; contributors—8.
1917—Roland P. Soule. Class total—$30.00; contributors—4.
1918—Hugh S. Dewey, Gilbert E. Ault. Class total—$70.00; contributors—11.
1923—Howard C. Spencer. Class total—$31.00; contributors—7.
1924—G. Dwight Greenfield. Class total—$14.00; contributors—4.
1926—Louis M. Nourse. Class total—$3.00; contributors—1.
1930—Rosswell Langlois. Class total—$5.00; contributors—1.

Freshman Dean Arthur S. Gale, on sabbatical leave this semester, is enjoying a trip to California via the Panama Canal. Lester O. Wilder, ’11, is assuming his duties as freshman dean. Dr. Arthur J. May, of the history department, has left for several months of travel and study in Europe, while Dr. Willson H. Coates, of the same department, has returned from a similar leave, much of which was spent in Russia.

A recent student poll on disarmament drew 401 ballots, 91 per cent. of which favored a limitation of armaments.
Bigger OR Better

If the depression has wiped out of our American consciousness some of the "bigger and better" complex, which has so long obsessed us, it has performed at least one noteworthy service. For a number of years American business, for instance, was swiftly getting "bigger," but was all of it getting "better?" There now seems to be some room for doubt in the minds of economists.

That flamboyant slogan has represented a false god, which we have chased far too long in many realms other than business. From the standpoint of logic, and hence of rhetoric, it is an inaccurately worded expression. The connective, it seems to us, should represent an alternative—"bigger or better." Whenever the two pull harmoniously together in double harness, it is but a happy and infrequent accident.

Worshiping size as such, we have come to assume that bigness represents goodness, that anything which is getting bigger must be getting better. In other words, bigness has been the primary aim, with goodness left to follow as an inevitable sequence. But all too often the reverse is the case. In concentrating on bigness, quality is all too likely to thin out or disappear.

If these qualifying terms must be linked as mutual accompaniments, let the order be reversed—"better and bigger." Let the bigness which develops come as a merited consequence of greater goodness. Such growth seems basically sound and generally praiseworthy.

We are proud of the fact that the University of Rochester, in its day of expanding possibilities, has elected to follow this sane and logical course. If it is gradually becoming bigger, it is building such increase upon the sound foundation of improved offerings and better facilities, previously conceived and primarily aimed at.

A Faculty Revival

Our faculty has never been justly accused of being stiff-necked, but it certainly is limbering up. There has been a marked transformation in the atmosphere of the new Faculty Club, which in its commodious splendor had seemed to lack some of the popular appeal of the cozier and more intimate quarters on the Old Campus. Has the change been brought about by the formation of professorial discussion groups or the importation of more books and weighty reviews in the club library? Not at all. It has been effected by the simple process of setting up a ping pong table in one of the back rooms!

The luxurious lounge may be sparsely populated of a noon hour, but that back room is sure to be crowded, its atmosphere punctuated by the steady tap, tap of ping on pong, or vice versa. This does not mean that our personal faculty standards are deteriorating. Quite the contrary. If all work and no play really makes Jack a dull boy, assuming that Jack could ever be a college professor, then by converse implication our faculty should straightway begin to shine with heightened effulgence.

And how entirely human it makes them! Even a college professor must
Campus Night Announcement

The fourth Alumni Campus Night will be held in Todd Union on Monday evening, March 21, at 6:30 o'clock. Dr. Walden Moore, of the history department, will speak on whatever phases of the disarmament conference are most pertinent at the time. International relations are among Dr. Moore's major interests, and he is admirably qualified to answer any of the questions on this complicated subject, which are sure to be in the minds of the alumni. Prompt attendance at the dinner will permit an earlier start of the recreational program in the Union and the Alumni Gymnasium. Dinner reservations should be made at the alumni office before noon of that day.

needs unbend, and unbend some more, if he would successfully pursue an ever elusive, cantankerous and pestiferous celluloid pellet about the purlieus and corners of a crowded room, not to mention the far reaches of the hall and adjacent territory.

Fraternal Neighborliness

The only unfavorable comment we have heard regarding the fraternity housing situation on the River Campus has been the criticism, voiced by certain Greek letter men of another college, to the effect that the individual sites are too small and the houses consequently crowded too closely together. Far from disturbing us, this isolated criticism seems only to point in our mind to a very distinct advantage, considered from any fair-minded, sociological viewpoint.

One possibly justifiable criticism of the whole fraternity system, as existent elsewhere, is of the aloofness of the fraternities from each other and from the student body as a whole. Isolated and remote locations for the respective houses would seem to foster this condition. With our own houses so closely grouped, in relation not only to each other but to the student union and dormitories, there is little nourishment for such aloofness, which we believe has no defensible place in the formative period of American life.

We further believe that our fraternity men are already coming to enjoy and appreciate this relationship, engendering, as it does, a wider and closer comradeship in their undergraduate life and a consequent broader development. We can see in it also a distinct benefit to our student life as a whole, and only insofar as the fraternities prove an asset to the college itself can their existence be really justified.

Heroics and Hardware

An eminent alumnus of a great university was awarded a gold medal the other day "for distinguished service to the hardware trade." No doubt it was a well-earned preferment from his trade organization, but such association of gold medals and hardware is a bit startling to a romanticist.

"In days of old, when knights were bold," baubles of distinction were pinned on iron-mailed chests for valorous deeds performed inside the hardware. Although men no longer win honors for things they do in it, they apparently can still capture them for things they do to it.

An Anti-Hoarding Plea

For some time past we have been hearing much about "frozen assets." In a winter marked by an amazing lack of frost in the ground, there has been a distressing amount of frost in the finances of the country. With a commendable aim to thaw out the situation, President Hoover has inveighed against the hoarding of money. The old family sock is entirely out of favor. We wish to second his appeal. In our efforts to raise the much-needed Alumni Fund this year we are discovering altogether too many evidences of hoarding, which we may feel called upon to report to the President.

This situation must be corrected, if this magazine and other organized alumni activities are not to be frozen right out of the picture. They are a trifle frost-bitten already. If you have not yet chipped in your bit toward the Alumni Fund this year, please unhoard enough to do so right away, before it is too late. We can assure you that there will be no traces of hoarding at this end. Such moneys as we receive will inevitably bound right back into immediate and violent circulation. We are most patriotic that way.

H. A. S.
Athletics

Good Finish on Court

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After winning two of the first three games, as recorded in the previous issue of the Review, the Varsity basketball team has succeeded in turning in only three other victories to make the season's record five wins against ten losses. Union and Hobart joined Lehigh and Alfred as the institutions whose representatives provided victories for our basketeers, the Genevans obliging twice, while Syracuse, Buffalo and Niagara swept the home-and-home series and Williams, Colgate and Hamilton joined Cornell in single victories.

Louis Alexander, in his first year as coach, has done very well considering the difficulties he has faced. The squad, inspired by his fine personality and obvious knowledge of the sport, has practiced diligently, but it was apparent from the start of the season that the team as a whole did not have enough players to cope successfully with the many strong teams it was scheduled to meet.

Niagara's veteran aggregation was forced into an overtime period to win, 22-19, in the first game on the River Campus after the holiday recess, but the Syracuse courtiers experienced little difficulty in recording at 31-14 victory in the game there. The first game with Hobart, played on our court, proved equally one-sided, but this time Rochester's representatives had the advantage, the final score being 29 to 9. The visitors had very much of an off night and could score only one field goal, that being achieved in the last few minutes of play. Niagara, in the return game at the Falls, again encountered stiff opposition, but the superior ability of the home forces eventually enabled them to record a 20-to-14 victory.

Victory over Union

Union then appeared on our campus, and Alexander's charges put on a fine exhibition to turn back the visitors, 30 to 24. Union had much the better of the battle in the first half and led at half time, 17 to 13, but the Rochester players apparently learned much from their coach between halves and put on a drive in the second period that Union could not withstand. The rousing finish gave the Rochester partisans much over which they might enthusiasm, and they made the most of the opportunity.

At the conclusion of a two-week's cessation of hostilities on the court for mid-year examinations, the then undefeated Williams team appeared here and soon evidenced the class that had made such a record possible. The Rochester players kept within hailing distance of the fast-moving New Englanders until well into the second half, when Sheehan and Markoski sifted three shots through the basket from mid-court to make a Williams victory certain. The score was 37 to 24. The Hamilton team duplicated last year's performance in the game at Clinton two nights later and won in an overtime period, 37 to 33, after trailing at the end of the first half, 16 to 9.

Another team with a remarkable record was met in the persons of the Buffalo Bulls, as the aggregation from the Windy City is known alliteratively to the news correspondents. A record of 34 victories in 35 games over a period of three years is unquestionably unique in inter-collegiate competition. Buffalo ran up a score of 20 to 4 in the first half, thanks to the unerring aim of Malonowicz and Pryor but
the Rochester players put on a spirited rally in the second period, and the visitors were fortunate to emerge with a 36-to-28 victory.

Similar opposition was not in store for the Syracuse team on its annual appearance here. The Orange-shirted players found difficulty in scoring, but their clever defensive work kept the scoring accomplishments of the Rochester men confined largely to the shooting of fouls. In fact, our team did not score a field basket until the last few minutes of the game. The final score was 29 to 11. Hobart gave the Rochester players much stiffer opposition in the return game at Geneva, than had been the case in the tilt on the River Campus, but Alexander's proteges again proved their superiority and left the court with a 24-to-17 advantage.

**Great Battle against Colgate**

In the last appearance on the home court, with Colgate as the opposition, the Rochester team gave a superlative exhibition, losing a thrilling 27-to-26 decision to the Maroon forces that had won from most of the strongest teams in the East, including Columbia, Eastern Intercollegiate League champions. Colgate got away to a good lead, but the Varsity rallied splendidly and led, 13 to 11, at half time. This advantage was increased by the middle of the second period to 19 to 13 but the obviously more skillful Maroon five closed the gap, until a long shot by Acropolis, who scored a total of sixteen points, put Colgate in the lead in the last minute of play. Rochester had a chance to tie the score on a foul shot, while several shots at the basket rolled around the rim of the hoop and out, much to the dismay of the near-capacity crowd that was on its collective feet much of the last few minutes of what was undoubtedly the most hectic engagement that has been staged in the new Alumni Gymnasium.

The concluding contest with Buffalo found our men again battling superbly against a manifestly superior team. The Rochester players gave their best, but it was not good enough to overcome the finesse of their hosts, who continued their winning ways with a 36-to-24 victory.

Captain Hart and Aranovitz have played their last Varsity basketball games, and one interested in the team's welfare does not like to think of next year's five without them to form the backbone of the offensive and defensive strength, respectively, as they did this year. Doyle, a substitute, will also be graduated. This leaves Copeland, Gannon, Maliborski and Drojarski as the regulars to form a nucleus for the 1932-33 team. A freshman team, which evidenced considerable potential strength, should also contribute several men of possible first team caliber. Craytor, Exter and Hussong were the outstanding players of a yearling squad, which compiled a record of five victories in eight games played.

Matthew D. Lawless, '09.

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**Spring Schedules**

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Fortunately space prohibits any extended prognostications of our spring sports prospects at this time. For the past several seasons we have been bold enough to make advance predictions of better things to come in both baseball and track, only to find ourselves later compelled to run stories of quite different results. By promising nothing in particular this time perhaps we can change our spring luck. We must hedge just enough on this policy, however, to observe that when any college nine possesses a pitching staff composed of such men as Henehan, Hart, Kelly and Lines, almost anything can happen. The team is further bolstered by several valuable fielding and hitting units from last year's successful freshman team. These include Drojarski, seasoned outfielder who may also see infield service, Warner and Clement, real infielders, and Stewart, a first base prospect. Coach Da-
vies and Captain Erdle have the battery men working out in the field house. Coach Gorton has been working hard with the track men, but we shall know more of their possibilities after the indoor meet with Hamilton late this month. It looks now as though a lack of point-winners in the field events would again handicap our several promising track aspirants.

The above baseball schedule is worth a word of comment, offering such attractive home games as those with Syracuse, Amherst, Oberlin and Hamilton. This will be the first season in which an Amherst nine has ever appeared on a Rochester diamond. For the second season in succession the track schedule is climaxed by the State Conference meet on the River Campus. Rochester was again selected for this meet as possessing the strongest combination of facilities and attendance possibilities, the latter based, of course, on the hope that the event cannot be flooded by rain two years in a row.

H. A. S.

Phillips Cup to Gardner

The Phillips Football Cup was awarded this year to Richard W. Gardner, '33, presentation being made by Coach Davies at the opening college assembly of the second semester. The award was made on the basis of improvement and team loyalty, and Coach Davies stressed the latter characteristic with some very warm words for Gardner's splendid spirit. Without regard to his own preferences, he performed during the past season with equal willingness and ability at quarterback, halfback, fullback and end. Although rated as a substitute, he rendered invaluable service, notably in the important Williams game, in which he was suddenly called upon to start at a halfback position, though not even familiar with the signals for that post. It was a popular award. Gardner played all three sports in his freshman year and caught for the baseball nine last spring.

Campus Crisps

The most useless things in sight on the River Campus this season have been the snow fences, erected at the outset of the so-called "winter" by cautious ground-keepers. Last summer's grass is still doing business, green and scarcely frost-bitten, and the same grass seems destined to give us a second summer of unbroken service. (This was written and set in deathless type before the March blizzard; excuse it please.)

Thirteen undergraduates are now reported as former students, having fallen victims of the recent inquisition. Mid-year examinations began on January 27 and ended on February 6.
NUMERAL NOTATIONS

'74. Rev. John Quincy Adams, D. D., delivered the address of the evening at the big public observance in Geneva of the bi-centennial anniversary of the birthday of George Washington. His address reviewed the different reactions toward Washington during his life and since, and gave a comprehensive estimate of his significant characteristics.

Ex-'74. We are in receipt, through President Rhees, of a breezy letter from Frank P. Lewis, retired lawyer of Seattle, who celebrated his 81st birthday on March 10. He is still keenly interested in the University and remains vigorously active in Masonry. A thoughtful and high-minded presentation of “Masonic Moral Maxims” was contributed by him to The Masonic Tribune, of Seattle, appearing in its issue of December 10.

'77. Sympathy is extended to Dr. Edward B. Angell, of Rochester, over the death of his wife, Mrs. Florence Montgomery Angell, which occurred at Rochester on January 19.

'78. We regret to note the death of Miss Agnes Rebecca Hayden, sister of J. Alexander Hayden, of Huntington, L. I., which occurred at New York City on January 24.

'80. The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Public Library recently elected Charles H. Wiltsie president for the tenth year. Mr. Wiltsie, who is the only active member of the original library board, appointed by the late Mayor Edgerton, has been a zealous advocate of the expansion of the Rochester Public Library and has had direct supervision in connection with the opening of new branches.

'84. Dr. George A. Coe, retired professor of religious education at Teachers' College, Columbia University, was selected in February to present a petition to the House Committee on Military Affairs, urging withdrawal of the War Department from the field of education. The petition, bearing the signatures of 327 leading educators of the country, charged that Reserve Officers and Citizens' Military Camps are teaching prejudicial views on general educational topics.

'85. Following his retirement at Supreme Court Justice on January 1, Adolph J. Rodenbeck was honored at a dinner recently, which brought together justices of the Appellate Division, present and former Supreme Court justices of the Seventh Judicial District, and members of the bar from Western New York. At that time unanimous opinion against the constitutional statute, which compels the retirement at the age of 70 of men of the outstanding ability and achievements of Justice Rodenbeck, was expressed. Justice Rodenbeck will continue his activities in behalf of simplification of judicial procedure, which have attracted nation-wide attention.

'90. Charles Van Voorhis, Rochester attorney, is now corporation counsel of the Rochester City Council.

'91. Elon H. Hooker, of New York City, University trustee, was elected president of the Society of the Genesee at its annual dinner in January.

'93. The U. S. Senate in January confirmed the nomination of John Knight as judge of the Western District of New York, where he has been serving under a recess appointment.

'98. At the annual meeting of the National Council of Mathematics Teachers in February, William Betz, specialist in mathematics for the Rochester public schools, was elected president. Mr. Betz, who has long been active in the work of the mathematics teachers, was one of the organizers of the Council.

'90. Dr. Herbert S. Weet recently conducted a group of New York State teachers and school executives to the meeting of the Department of Superintendence and allied groups and the bi-centennial celebration of Washington's birthday at Washington, D. C. He addressed that body in the historic Christ Church at Alexandria, Va.

We regret to note the sudden death of Mrs. Kathryn M. Simmons, wife of Arthur S. Simmons, which occurred at Rochester on December 30.

Mrs. Simmons died suddenly of a heart attack while visiting her husband at Strong Memorial Hospital, where he was awaiting an operation from which he is now recovering.

'00. Sympathy is extended to Edwin W. Fiske, of Rochester, over the death of his mother, Mrs. Priscilla M. Fiske, which occurred at Rochester on February 7.

'01. Professor Floyd C. Fairbanks, of the University, was re-elected president of the Rochester Academy of Science at its meeting in January. The following were also re-elected: Dr. Albert J. Ramaker, '95, vice-president; Milroy N. Stewart, '16, general secretary.

Ernest E. Gorsline was elected president of the Better Business Bureau of Rochester, Inc., at a meeting of the directors in February.

'02. Eugene Raines, Rochester attorney, was elected vice-president of the New York State Bar Association, representing the Seventh Judicial District, in January.

'04. Sympathy is extended to Arthur G. Dutcher, of Rochester, over the death of his brother, Judge Frederick L. Dutcher, which occurred on February 28. Judge Dutcher was a former school commissioner and senior county judge of Rochester.

Ex-'05. Charles F. Howe was installed as president at the annual meeting of the Real Estate Board of Rochester in January.

'06. George L. Barrus, who has been located at Charlotte, N. C. doing forestry work on southern hunting preserves, spent six months in Europe during the past year, studying game management in relation to forest management. He is now temporarily employed for the Coal Field Relief Section of the American Friends Service Committee of Philadelphia, helping to feed the undernourished school children from the families of unemployed miners at Prestonburg, Ky., and surrounding territory. Recalling the suburban address from which George entered college back in 1902, it seems quite fitting that he should have originally sought Charlotte, N. C., as his headquarters.
Embry C. MacDowell was chairman of the Rochester observance of National Thrift Week, which was held by life insurance salesmen in January.

Following several meetings of the Allied Forces for Prohibition, held in Rochester recently, Arthur Rathjen, Rochester attorney, was one of three citizens appointed to formulate a plan of organization to continue and augment the work by defending and promoting prohibition in Monroe County.

Ex-'08. Walter H. Cassebeer is co-instructor of a newly organized class at the Memorial Art Gallery, offering evening instruction in the making of lithographs and woodblock prints. Mr. Cassebeer, widely known as a graphic artist, has received recent recognition by admittance to such notable print events as the Third International Exhibition of Lithography and Woodcutting at the Art Institute of Chicago, the International Print Exhibition of the Cleveland Museum, and the Philadelphia Print Club annual exhibitions.

109. S. Park Harman, director of the Civic Committee on Unemployment, opened a series of change lectures on "Rochester in 1932" at the Central Y. M. C. A. in January.

Ex-'09. Franklin H. Smith, Rochester attorney, was elected president of Rochester Chapter of the Izaak Walton League in January. Mr. Smith has served as a director of Rochester Chapter for several years and held the office of vice-president in 1931.

111. Ellsworth P. Killip, of the Smithsonian Institution, left early in February on an European expedition on which he was scheduled to carry on botanical research successively in Berlin, Norwich, Geneva, Madrid, Paris and London. He expects to return to Washington sometime in May.

Thomas H. Remington, of Rochester, recently addressed members of the Thursday night lecture series at the Central V. M. C. A. on "The Citizen and His Government in Rochester."

Ex-'11. Col. Kenneth C. Townsend, of the 121st Cavalry of Rochester, was elected first vice-president of the National Guard Association of New York State for 1932 at the annual meeting of the association in January.

113. James M. Spinning, formerly vice-principal of the West High School of Rochester and acting-principal since the opening of school in September, was permanently appointed to the principalship in January.

114. Appointment of Raymond N. Ball as a director of the Western New York Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank at Buffalo was announced in January. Mr. Ball is the second Rochesterian to receive the honor, and his appointment is regarded as a signal recognition of Rochester's banking interests. The other Rochesterian on the board is Edward G. Miner, University trustee. Mr. Ball was also recently appointed a member of the advisory committee to the New York agency of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. He sailed early in February with Mr. Miner and J. Mercer Brugler, '25, on a visit to Germany and England, returning to Rochester on March 3.

The Second Presbyterian Church of Auburn has been greatly progressed under the ministry of Frank L. Gosnell, which began in October, 1921. This was recently evidenced by the addition to the church plant of a new church house, which was dedicated with formal exercises on Sunday, January 31st and Friday, February 5th.

15. Clement G. Lanni, president of the Rochester Alliance Press, returning in December from a four weeks' practice session in Pacific waters as guest of the U. S. S. Texas, gave an interesting account of battles maneuvers which he had witnessed and declared that the gun crews of the U. S. Navy are the fastest and best trained in the world. Mr. Lanni served as coxswain and boatswain's mate on the U. S. S. Wisconsin in the World War.

Fred A. Ratchiffe was one of six Rochesterians who recently received the Boy Scout Beaver medal, awarded for distinguished service to boyhood.

Ex-'15. Sympathy is extended to Frank J. Little, of Rochester, over the death of his father, George A. Little, which occurred at Rochester on January 8.

17. Investing in the 1932 financial market was the subject of a course of seventeen lectures, recently conducted by Glenn H. Ewell at the Rochester Y. M. C. A. School. Mr. Ewell is assistant-treasurer in charge of the bond department of the Union Trust Company of Rochester.

Ex-'17. Lieut. James B. Sykes, formerly of Rochester, is aviation ordnance officer of the fleet of planes of the aircraft carrier Saratoga. He was graduated from the Naval Aviation School at Pensacola, Fla., following the World War, and is now making his home in Coronado, Calif., near the Saratoga's base at Long Beach.

18. The marriage of Mrs. Helen Hanna, of Long Beach, Calif., and Douglas A. Newcomb, formerly of Hilton, took place at Long Beach on December 17. They are making their home in Long Beach, where Mr. Newcomb is principal of the James Russell Lowell elementary school.

19. The marriage of Miss Sonia Kesselman, of Boston, and Richard Felix Koch, formerly of Rochester, took place in New York City on January 27.

Sympathy is extended to Robert J. Menzie, of Rochester, over the death of his father, Robert A. Menzie, of Caledonia, which occurred on February 23.

Ex-'20. Milton F. Hallauer was recently elected secretary of the Webster Ad Club for 1932.

21. We regret to note the death of Richard W. Bloomer, father of R. Holmes Bloomer, of Rochester, which occurred at Rochester on January 24.

Miss Guinevere Clarkson, '30, of Rochester, and Richard Parmele Curtiss, also of Rochester, were married on February 6. The bride's grandfather, Alonzo R. Clarkson, '63, presented her in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss are living at 47 North St. Regis Drive in Rochester, where Mr. Curtiss is news editor of the Democrat & Chronicle.

22. Sympathy is extended to Richard D. Van De Carr, of Rochester, over the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Van De Carr, which occurred at Rochester on February 24th.

22. Sympathy is extended to Dr. Ralph A. Eckhardt, of Madison, N. J., over the death of his father, John Eckhardt, of Rochester, which occurred on January 18.

F. Marland Gale, of New York City, has announced the opening of an office for the general practice of law at 90 Wall Street.

Ex-'23. We regret to note the death of Wil-
liam H. Clark, father of William H. Clark, Jr., of Rochester, which occurred on February 17. Mr. Clark was a real estate man and former supervisor and alderman of Rochester.

'24. Sympathy is extended to J. Hobart DePuyt, of Hackensack, N. J., over the death of his father, John A. DePuyt, which occurred at Rochester on January 21.


Luther I. Webster was recently made a member of the law firm of O'Brien & McSweeney, with offices at 703 Wilder Building, Rochester. He has been associated with the firm since his graduation from Albany Law School in 1929.

Ex-'29. We regret to note the recent death of Mr. Ernest C. Whitbeck, prominent attorney of Rochester and father of Ernest C. Whitbeck, Jr., also of Rochester.

In Memoriam

Frank Beecher Storer, ex-'86, M. D. elsewhere, 1888, member of Alpha Delta Phi, died at Glendale, Cal., July 1, 1931, aged 70 years; was graduated, School of Medicine, University of Buffalo, 1888; was physician, Holley, 1889-1915; was engaged in post graduate work, School of Medicine, New York City; retired on account of ill health, 1915; was resident, Rochester, 1915-17; Glendale, Cal., 1917—. Was coroner, Orleans Co., N. Y., for three terms.

Hugh Harris Kendall, ex-'82, member of Psi Upsilon, died September 25, 1931; was president, C. R. Malthy Co., wholesale grocers, Corning; retired, 1915. Was Commissioner of Health, Corning, 1901-06; was Commissioner of Public Works, Corning, 1908-12; was Commissioner of Police, Corning, 1914-18.

George Frederick Holt, A. B., '85; D. D., elsewhere, 1904; member of Delta Upsilon and Phi Beta Kappa, died after a short illness at Los Angeles, Cal., November 1, 1931, aged 71 years; was graduated, Chicago Baptist Union Theological Seminary, 1888; was pastor, First Baptist Church, Waterloo, Ia., 1888-94; Fourth Church, Minneapolis, Minn., 1894-1907; received D. D. degree, Des Moines, Ia., 1904; was pastor, First Baptist Church, Riverside, Cal., 1907-16; First Baptist Church, Salem, Ore., 1916-20; was director of promotion, Western Washington Baptist Convention, 1920-22; First Baptist Church, Lindsay, Cal., 1922-24; retired; was engaged in supply work, Los Angeles, from 1925 until his illness.

Was chaplain, 4th regiment, Ia. National Guard, 1890-93. Was member, Board of Trustees, University of Redlands, 1908-16; was member, Board of Directors, Southern California Baptist Convention, 1908-16; was member, Board of Trustees, McMinnville College, 1916—; was member, Board of Managers, Oregon Baptist Convention, 1916-20. Was editor, Western Washington Baptist Messenger, 1920—.

Walter Sage Hubbell, A. B., '71; A. M., 1875; member of Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Beta Kappa, died after a long illness at Rochester, N. Y., January 1, 1932, aged 81 years; was teacher, Latin and English, Albany Academy, 1871-73; was student of law, Rochester, 1873-76; was lawyer, Rochester, 1876—; rose to high place in profession as corporation law counsel, being senior member of firm, Hubbell, Taylor, Goodwin and Moser (now Hubbell, Taylor, Goodwin, Nixon & Hargrave); represented eastern district of Monroe Co., in the State Assembly, 1884-85; was chairman, Committee on General Laws, same; was member, Judiciary Committee, same, 1885, and sponsor of Niagara Reservation Bill; was trustee, U. of R., 1895—; was director, Alliance Bank, (later Lincoln-Alliance Bank), 1900—; was trustee, Security Trust Co., 1920—; was attorney and director, Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, 1905—; was director of many subsidiary companies, same; was vice-president, same, 1905—; was trustee, Rochester Theological Seminary, 1892—; was attorney, Rochester.
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