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Alumni Field Equipment Fund All Pledged and First Call Sent Out.

George W. Bacon '92, chairman of the trustee and alumni committees in charge of the new athletic field, mailed, last Thursday, notices to the subscribers that the \$100,000 Alumni Field Equipment Fund was completed in subscriptions and that the pledges thereto were thus rendered binding. This marks the completion of the second step in the project of the alumni of Cornell to furnish the University with a 'varsity field and playgrounds on the campus.

The first fund, started in 1901, amounted to about \$40,000 in cash and was used in grading and draining about thirty acres. In the entire area turned over by the Trustees of the University for playground and athletic purposes there are fifty-seven acres. The Equipment Fund of \$100,000 is to go toward the equipment of these fields and playgrounds. While the committee does not expect to complete this equipment with this sum, sufficient equipment can be completed with \$100,000 to make the 'varsity field ready for use. The present playground of about eight acres was provided out of the first \$15,000 given by the alumni several years ago.

Most of the subscriptions included in this \$100,000 Equipment Fund have been obtained since March 1, 1909, under the immediate direction of John O. Dresser '01. Under a new system of personal solicitation, contributions have come in much faster than ever before, and the committee has been able to complete the fund in less time than it anticipated.

The Trustees Committee in charge of construction is composed of the following men: George W. Bacon '92, chairman, New York; Henry W. Sackett '75, New York; Robert H. Treman '78, Ithaca; Charles H.

Blood '88, Ithaca; Willard W. Rowlee '88, Ithaca.

The following men compose the Alumni Committee in charge of finances: George W. Bacon '92, chairman; Clyde P. Johnson '93, Cincinnati; William F. Atkinson '95, Brooklyn; Clinton R. Wyckoff '96, Buffalo; Robert J. Thorne '97, Kansas City, Mo.

New Clubhouse in Full Use.

The Cornell University Club of New York has sent cards to members announcing that the new club house at 65 Park avenue is now in full operation. Non-residents can find pleasant outside rooms with bath, telephone and all hotel conveniences. The club is about three minutes walk from the Grand Central Station.

Next Saturday the Board of Trustees of the University will hold its regular midwinter meeting in the clubhouse and Trustee George C. Boldt will give a luncheon there to the members of the board and a few other persons.

Last Wednesday evening about forty men, present and former teachers or students in the President White School of History and Political Science, held their seventh annual dinner in the clubhouse. They were in New York attending the meetings of the American Historical Association.

Last Saturday evening the Long Island Cornell Club held its annual dinner in the house.

The University reopens today for the strenuous two weeks preceding the beginning of term exams. The first term will end on Wednesday, January 26, and then the Junior Week doings will begin. The Junior Ball will be held on Friday, January 28.

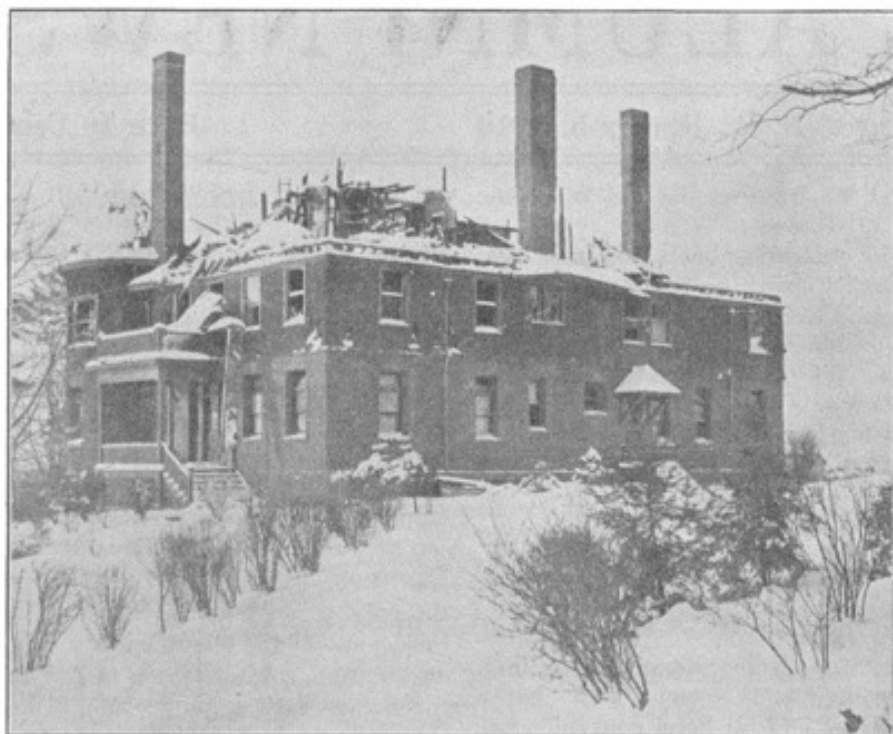
Mr. P. L. Williams, of Salt Lake City, general attorney for the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company, was in Ithaca a few days ago, visiting his two sons, who are members of the senior class.

THE D. U. HOUSE BURNED.

Almost Totally Destroyed by Fire During the Christmas Vacation.

Fire almost destroyed the home of the Delta Upsilon fraternity, situated on the campus at the intersection of South and West avenues, on Friday, December 24. The fire was discovered about 5:30 o'clock in the morning by Harold S. Bennett '12, son of Professor C. E. Bennett, and David A. Stoddard '08, who were the only persons in the house at the time, most of the chapter being away on vacation. After trying to put out the flames with a hand extinguisher they sent in a still alarm, and time was lost which might have been gained had the alarm been sounded at once from a box. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The house was insured for \$16,000 and there was \$3,000 insurance on the furniture. The first floor and basement were almost uninjured except by water. While the fire was burning in the upper stories all the books in the library and practically all the furniture on the first floor were carried out of the house and saved.

The cause of the fire is not known; members of the chapter said that it might have been started by rats gnawing matches. Stoddard and Bennett were sleeping in a room known as "the harem," on the second floor at the west side of the house. They were awakened by smoke, and went into the hallway, where they found a little flame on the west wall near the head of the stairs. After playing a chemical extinguisher on it they telephoned to the Huestis street hose company and the hose cart and chemical engine from that station came at once. The driver of the hose cart, as soon as he saw the fire, turned in an alarm from box no. 56, near the Sigma Chi house. That brought several of the downtown companies and also, which was even more important, signalled the city pumping station in Six-Mile Creek



RUINS OF THE DELTA UPSILON HOUSE, AS SEEN FROM SOUTH AVENUE.



RUINS OF THE NORTHWEST TOWER, WHERE THE FIRE WAS FIERCEST.

gorge that there was a fire on the hill, and pressure was then supplied to the hill mains by starting the pump. But by this time the fire had got such headway that the apparatus summoned could not get enough streams on the blaze to check it, and at 6:15 o'clock Chief Bishop sent in a general alarm which brought all the available apparatus from down town, including two steamers. The roof fell in about 7:20 o'clock, but it was after 8 o'clock the fire was under control.

The house was built in 1891 at a cost of about \$25,000. Plans for rebuilding have not yet been completed. Up to the height of the second story the structural walls are probably sound, and the house may be rebuilt practically on the former lines. It will possibly be enlarged by the addition of a wing on the northeast corner.

For immediate use the chapter has leased the home of Professor R. C. H. Catterall, on Central avenue, next to Sage Cottage. Professor Catterall and his family are going abroad in a few weeks for a year. This house will provide temporary headquarters for the chapter and living quarters for about a dozen men.

COSMOPOLITAN CONVENTION.

National Association of Students Becomes Part of a World Wide Body

The third annual convention of the Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs was held with the Cornell Cosmopolitan Club in Ithaca on December 22, 23 and 24. At this convention the association unanimously voted to affiliate with the International Federation of Students, a European organization which is also known as the "Corda Fratres." The delegates also took part in the ceremony of breaking ground for the new house of the Cornell Cosmopolitan Club.

Delegates, about fifty in number, were here from the twenty-one chapters of the association in this country. They assembled in the rooms of the Cosmopolitan Club on Eddy street on Wednesday afternoon. In the absence of Alan Campbell Towers '10, of Montevideo, Uruguay, president of the local organization, Harry Lubin '08 made an address of welcome. George W. Nasmyth '06, the national president, responded in behalf of the delegates and extended a further welcome from the University and the city. The convention then organized and listened to re-

ports. In the evening Edwin D. Mead, of Boston, a leader in the movement for international arbitration, made an address, and Professor Frank A. Fetter also spoke.

On Thursday, at a business session it was voted unanimously to affiliate with the Corda Fratres. That organization is much the older and larger of the two, having more than sixty chapters with 15,000 members in the European universities. The American section will still be known as the Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs, but it will also be called the United States Branch of the Corda Fratres. Both organizations have made it one of their objects to promote, by educational means, the movement for international peace, and they will continue to do so, hereafter working in unison. It is proposed to hold an international convention every year. Another step which has been suggested to promote international amity is an exchange of students.

On Thursday evening Dr. Benjamin F. Trueblood, secretary of the American Peace Society, delivered an address on "War a Thing of the Past." Dr. Trueblood said that it might seem very bold to assert that international war was practically at