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ON and after Thursday we hope to deliver the SUN at the same places as last term.

TO-MORROW is the day set apart by the officers of the University as sacred to the memory of the honored founder of this institution. It is well for Cornellians to spend some time in studying the life of this noble man, and no more appropriate time can be suggested than the anniversary of his birth. Nor should the University be alone in the honor which is paid to Mr. Cornell. To him Ithaca owes such a debt as is due from few villages to their citizens. There has been a wish expressed by many of the students that some one thoroughly acquainted with Mr. Cornell should deliver an address upon his life and works, in order that the ignorance of many concerning him might be dispelled. It would probably be impossible to carry this plan into effect for to-morrow; it might, however, be carried out next year. But as a step in that direction, we are happy to present this morning an article from the pen of Hon. J. H. Selkreg, a personal friend of Mr. Cornell, and one, than whom few are better able to speak of our benefactor. It is a tribute from a friend, to the memory of a friend, and we commend it to Cornellians, with the assurance that every such study will deepen their respect for one whom each should love.

Ezra Cornell.

The flight of time and lapse of days brings us again to the anniversary of the birth of the man, who of all others, has impressed himself and his views upon our people, our community, and upon the broader field of the State—EZRA CORNELL. It is rare indeed, that one denied the advantages of early education, devotes himself and his fortune to a dissemination of knowledge in the higher as well as in the lesser grades, and constructs a monument for himself which no change of government will destroy, and which is destined in the future to remain as firm in its organization and full in its progress, as any institution of learning devised and erected by the hand of man. Those who never knew its founder personally cannot, by reviewing his work as it meets them to-day, appreciate the difficulties under which he labored in the establishment of Cornell University. There was no model from which plans might be copied, no similar institution from which ideas of construction might be obtained. The whole structure from foundation to cap-stone was to be thought out, and, when shaped and moulded on paper, built and put in operation. No single mind or physical organization was equal to the task; but when the projector failed within himself, he bound to him willing co-workers with ardent hands who under the inspiration of his enthusiasm labored unceasingly with him in his grand scheme of enlarged education. The University has not reached the point aimed at by Mr. Cornell, and indeed it is doubtful whether it or any similar one ever can be made entirely what he desired this should be. His thought was an education to be so nearly within the reach of all as to be practically free to every scholar who chose to avail himself of its advantages. A single remark fresh from the fullness of his great heart, made to a warm personal friend, will best illustrate the scope of his wishes and desires. In referring to his plans, years

since, and about the time of its opening, he said: "If I can live to see the University educating five thousand students, in all the branches of learning, entirely free, I know I shall die happy." The stern will and indomitable purpose of Mr. Cornell alone created our University which is known wherever learning is honored, and respected wherever intelligence prevails. It is in the hands of men who daily, and even hourly, were cognizant of his plans, and who respect his purposes; and they have the highest incentives to make it as far as possible what its founder designated it to be, an institution of learning of the broadest and most liberal character, based upon the grand idea of knowledge to all.

Of Mr. Cornell himself, there are thoughts recurring to us in connection with this day, which are shared by our entire people. With the highest sense of personal honor he united an adamant firmness which nothing could stir, when, after due reflection, he had arrived at a correct determination upon any subject. No persuasion of friend, no threat of enemy could move him in the least degree, when he felt the bed-rock of Right had been reached; and through his entire life—closed alas far too soon for the completion of his great work—he was an exemplification of Truth, Justice and Humanity.

Professor Adams' First Lecture.

Professor Adams was greeted last evening, in his first lecture on English Constitutional History, by an audience consisting mostly of professors and students. Either the depth of Professor Freeman's lectures had given the townspeople a fright from which they had not as yet recovered, or else there were attractions elsewhere; for not many of them were present, though we feel sure that they would have felt amply repaid for any trouble which might have been caused them in attending this opening lecture.

Before introducing the speaker, President White gave briefly the reasons why he had long desired to have this course of lectures delivered here, including among other things, the fact that he felt that satisfaction which every teacher must feel, in bringing before others one who had been his student in former days, and one whom, in some

little degree, he had had the honor to assist in attaining the high position which he now held before the people as a scholar and educator. He then introduced Professor Adams to the audience.

The subject of the lecture was "The Crown," which the speaker treated under three heads: first, Reverence for the Crown as a fact; second, Reverence for the Crown as a theory; and, third, The Conditions of Accession. The lecturer proved himself thoroughly a master of his subject, and handled it in such a way as not only to hold the attention of his hearers, but also, at the same time, to impress upon them the importance of what he was saying; and, while he does not say brilliant things, nor attempt to, he yet deals with the matter under discussion in that candid and straightforward way that gives those who listen a far more lasting satisfaction than the most sparkling brilliancy. We do not know what the Professor may have in store for us in the lectures which are to follow, but, if we may judge at all from that of last evening, we predict a rich treat for all during these coming three weeks, and one that no student can afford to miss. The subject for this evening's lecture will be a continuation of last evening's discourse on "The Crown," in which the "Royal Prerogatives" and "The Court" will be discussed.

Sunbeams.

- Colder.
- "Pique" at the Opera House tonight.
- No SUN to-morrow. The next Sunday will be Thursday.
- The green-houses back of Sage College are rapidly nearing completion.
- Miss Helen Coleman appears to-morrow evening at the Opera House as the Ideal Widow Bedott.
- Since '84 did not challenge '85 to a rush, she will see to it, of course, that there is no Freshman supper.
- Freshman—"We lost a man from our class to-day." Sophomore (anxiously)—"Did he die?" Freshman—"No, he registered with '84."
- Owing to a conflict with the lectures in Military Science, the section in Extempore Speaking will meet on Monday at twelve o'clock. No arrangement has yet been made with regard to the section in Burke.

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—The attempt to introduce the mortar-board at Cornell has proved a failure. Although exchanges occasionally break out with the declaration that “The Oxford cap is worn at Cornell,” it is not worn here nor has it been this year.

—There are vague rumors abroad that '83 is not so far behind the Senior class as was for a while supposed in regard to matrimony and the “hand that rocks the cradle.” If the report is true the class of '83 has justly entitled itself to its claim of being *the* class. Further particulars later.

—President White, fearing that some of the Seniors who might not have been present at his lecture in Modern History yesterday, may misunderstand the matter, requests us to say that the Senior class is invited as a body to the reception at his residence to-morrow evening, and no member of that class must feel that he has been omitted because he has not happened to receive a personal invitation.

—The class in English Literature will enjoy the opportunity of hearing Professor Corson's readings in Shakespeare this term. The Professor will devote this week to the bibliography of the work and next week will begin the reading of the plays, which are to be taken up in chronological, though not consecutive, order. The plays will be cut down so that the most unimportant parts will be omitted and still a good idea of the whole production be obtained.

—The *Harvard Herald* is the name of a new daily just started at Harvard University. It is larger than the *Harvard Echo*, being of the same size as the *Yale News*, which paper it resembles in other respects. We understand that the new paper starts out under very favorable circumstances, having a subscription list of over 2,000 already. One column is each day devoted to condensed telegraphic news, and the remainder devoted to college matters. We gladly welcome our new visitor among the list of college dailies, and wish it success and long life. There are now

four college dailies in the field. The more the merrier.

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Sonstrokes.

MOULTON, '81, is teaching in the vicinity of Syracuse.

E. F. WILSON, '84, has entered Madison University, Wisconsin.

RAYNOR, '83, was suddenly called home last evening. He expects to return on Saturday next.

W. M. ROBERTS, formerly '82, has returned to the University. He will graduate with '83.

McLENNAN, '83, will not return to the University this term. He is teaching school in Portville.

PROFESSOR HALE visited Cambridge during the vacation, but passed most of his time in New York.

McLENNAN, '83, *Review* editor, will not return to the University this term. He has accepted a position in a school at Portville, N. Y.

BLOOD, '85, who went to Michigan University for the purpose of taking a course in Mining Engineering, has returned to Cornell.

A. B. DAVENPORT, formerly '81, spent the holidays in and about Ithaca. He is proprietor and editor of a Democratic weekly published in Albany.

SAZE, '82, will go to Syracuse to-morrow for the purpose of reading a paper before the American Dairymen's Association, which holds a three days' session there.

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News Summary.

Yesterday began the ninth week of the Guiteau trial. Scoville finished his argument for the prayers of the defense. Judge Porter will make the concluding argument to-day, after which Judge Cox will deliver his decision.—An eating saloon in Syracuse was yesterday crushed by falling walls. Three persons were killed and ten seriously injured.—In Congress yesterday many bills were introduced in both the Senate and House. Two important resolutions were also introduced in the House, one proposing a constitutional amendment providing that for each million inhabitants in a state, in excess of two millions, an additional Senator shall be allowed, and the Senators to be elected by the people; the other proposing a constitutional amendment prohib-

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