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## M. Wright

Dear Bill:

I am at Northwestern University again and, I hope, for the last time. Not that I have anything against this school, but I am beginning to get a little tired of a life consisting of little else than scholastic pursuits. I am carrying what ought to be a rather light schedule; but so far it has failed to turn out as it should. I have what is known as Independent Study in English Literature, which is a two-year course, based on the plan of reading for honors. Then I am studying Old English, or Anglo-Saxon, which will lead up to Beowulf in the second semester. Also, a course in short story writing, which is getting my goat, but which is a good course just the same. I am taking the course in Elements of Economics, which is five hours a week, and a heavy five, too. On the whole I'm learning a lot from it and enjoying the process. Then I'm taking piano from an instructor in the Northwestern School of Music, and am waiting table, or washing dishes, whichever happens to be desired at the moment in the women's dormitories. All this fills up my time so that I am not loafing more than is quite necessary. I realize that the schedule is very heavy in the field of English. Some of this is due to major requirements, and some of it due to that fact that English is my immediate major interest in life; and as a candidate for the special exams I am supposed to have a slight knowledge, at least, of a good many things in that field. Having diversified my studies a good deal in the first two years of college, and during my year at Deep Springs, I feel that a bit of concentration will not do me any great harm, anyhow.

During the summer I worked at Ravinia Park, where the Ravinia Opera Company plays for ten weeks every summer. This occupied my evenings; and in the daytime, after I got up, I spent the time in practicing piano, and trumpet, and reading Chaucer, Tolstoy, D. H. Lawrence and a few others. Most of this was reading required by the honors course, and I find now that it would have been better had I spent even more time during the summer at this work.

I am playing trumpet in the Evans-ton Symphony Orchestra which may sound like a good deal; but it is only an amateur organization, composed mainly of Northwestern music students. The conductor is a well-known musician in Chicago however, and it is good experience as well as much fun.

Plans for the next few years are uncertain; but I feel that perhaps

some work done outside of the walls of a university would do me some good. I shall probably try to get placed as a teacher, and find out a few things along that line. However, that all remains to be decided.

Sincerely,

MILTON WRIGHT

## M. Pijoan

Dear Kuder:

Your note is at hand, and I am just awakening from the confused condition into which I was plunged when piles of work were thrust upon me in June. The summer was spent in a slow and only partial diminution of this accumulation, namely, in the translation of some works on medical history, a most enjoyable undertaking for one who believes in the ghosts of great men of the past. As a consequence, however, a much needed mental relaxation was more or less neglected, and the questionably beneficial effects of the California sea and sun escaped me. Then, too, the distressing realization came to me that, in spite of my efforts, I cannot keep up with the rapid advancements in the field of medicine. Thus the work piles on ahead.

You ask what we are doing here in Baltimore. As you may know, it is difficult to write about one's activities, because one always tells of his works which are of merit, and tends to omit mention of those in which the effort has been lost. We can safely say, however, that the study of medicine leaves but little time for mischief. Research, or rather our humble investigation, is in a stage where the advancements in the field of medicine perplexing. Last weekend I presented my paper on measles at the Rockefeller Institute, but the time was not ripe so the work has not been completed and will not be until something unusual happens to my powers of reasoning, observation, and deduction. At any rate, I had the good fortune of receiving an appointment at this institute for the year 1935. I am at present doing my utmost to stay within the upper ranks of my class, which is not a particularly easy task.

I see John Newell often, and our hours spent together are most pleasant. It is a real honor to have such a friend as John in this corner of the world; he is a true example of an earnest investigator, realizing the vastness of his problems in the most touching way. We both offer our sincerest efforts to Telluride and to our small planet.

Cordially yours,  
MICHEL PIJOAN

## Financial

Dear Bill:

As I told you the other day, we have taken no further steps in regard to the investments of the Association. The bonds which we purchased have declined and perhaps it is best to leave our money invested in them rather than to attempt to switch into stocks. As a matter of fact, if we had funds available they could be invested in bonds today at very low prices with a certainty that we will make a handsome profit perhaps before the stock market really gets under way. A restoration of banking confidence should immediately cause a large advance in the bond market.

However, I have had no word from Mr. Biersach and presume that there are no further funds available for investment at the present time. I therefore believe the best thing to do is maintain our present position for the next few months.

Very sincerely yours, SID

## J. S. Mansfield

Dear Bill:

I am in my fourth year of medical school, and have planned my year so as to take four months of so-called "tutorial" work. Having made the decision not to be a surgeon, I looked about for a good man in clinical and experimental medicine, and had the good luck to attach myself to Dr. Sorna Weiss. From February to June I shall be working with him more or less independently in general medicine. Dr. Weiss is one of the most energetic and inspiring teachers I have known; and though only in his early thirties he has won himself a position in the highest rank of investigators.

In order to have time for this special work I took two months of fourth year work this summer, in surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital, during which time I had a chance to "strike" for ten days as a regular surgical intern. Just now I am finishing some of the required courses; for example, my immediate concern is why children die of meningitis.

This is the time when we are all on the anxious seat about internships for next year. I have not come to any definite arrangement as yet, but am expecting to take a medical service in as good a hospital as I can get; it probably makes little difference what part of the country one goes to, if the service is of the best.

Bill Jarrett and I will be delighted to see any Telluriders who may journey to the vicinity of Boston.

Sincerely, JIM MANSFIELD

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W. Jarrett

Dear Bill:

When I left convention, I had no idea at all where I would settle myself for the summer. I thought I would like to spend a good part of the time reading all the books I had been neglecting during the previous year. That desire was partly fulfilled, for I found myself down on the farm in West Virginia with ample opportunities for reading. As a matter of fact, I spent a good part of the summer painting, especially roofs. There were tall roofs and flat roofs, slippery roofs and roofs so rough that they tore your pants. But as roofs they all had to undergo the same treatment—a thorough dousing in the most sickly green paint that was ever produced. So I swore and sweated a good part of every morning and got myself completely covered as well. However, I must say that the finished result was estimable. The rest of the time I amused myself, a thing which I can do to perfection, and made myself obnoxious to other people.

On the twenty-eighth of September I showed up at the Medical School in Boston. With the beginning of the second year in medical school, I noticed a distinct change in everything. All last year we were laboring with studies of the normal body, but as medicine deals with abnormalities, we found this at times uninteresting. We spent the majority of the time doing routine work and this, though it may lead to interesting things, is in itself awfully boring. This year, however, we plunged for the first time into actual diseases. I am taking Pathology, Bacteriology, and Pharmacology as my main courses. In the first, for instance, we take up in class the theoretical changes produced by a certain disease and then rush off to all the different hospitals in Boston to see autopsies which show this condition as it would appear in the body. Autopsies are numerous and invariably interesting. In a way, attending a post-mortem is like entering a vast unexplored forest, for we can never tell what we will find; at times the most astounding discoveries come to light. In Bacteriology we are dealing daily with all the pathogenic organisms as calmly as we would deal with a plate of food set before us. In fact, one of the boys thought he would like to see how a certain organism would grow if inoculated into his own body and the result was he almost lost his arm. In Pharmacology, as you can

guess by the name, we are investigating all the major drugs. We sometimes do some investigating out of class. We dumped some Paraldehyde into one of our classmate's drink and the result would have satisfied the strictest critic. He was sound asleep in five minutes.

In between times we go to football games and have high teas or take in a movie or so. I can say this, though; medicine is becoming more and more fascinating the nearer you come to the final goal. No one would ever make a mistake by studying it.

Give my best to the boys at the House.

As ever, BILL JARRETT

T. Fairchild

Dear Bill:

My record of last summer offers little of interest except a generalization that I enjoyed a leisurely vacation in Wisconsin and western New York after completing a pleasant half-summer at Deep Springs.

Here at Princeton, I boast of the status of a freshman, and I look forward to a complete, rounded, four-year course in these surroundings. Before I had seen the campus, many had described in glowing terms its beauty and the high plane of Princeton spirit. Barring the effects of human exaggeration, my preconceived notions suffered no jolt. The campus is appealing; it is a natural cradle for a cultural ideal, and the spirit of the students seems to be that of fairly intelligently using advantages.

My tentative plan for study is to enter the Department of History or the School of International Affairs during my upperclass years. This prospect, however, makes no requirement in my first-year course.

Chief in interest among my studies is one dealing with the relationships of environment to the foundation of culture. This work starts with a broad outline of physiography and includes some anthropology and early history. It is necessarily more broad than thorough, but offers valuable basic ideas concerning the origin of cultural differences. The coincidence of our studies in Oriental geography with the Manchurian dispute renders them particularly interesting. In connection with this course, I am interested to hear of the one in the Evolution of Society now required at Deep Springs. The path of logic from Mr. Nunn's precept that Deep Springs men are to become sympathetic participants in social activity to the decision to offer to them some study of society is quite direct. May the admirable attempt prosper!

Aside from the academic, my activities have been largely musical—perhaps the term is inept concerning the band, but not so in the case of the orchestra. I hope, surely, not to confine my interests to these, but there are so many branches of so many interesting outside fields that I am conservative about locating my allegiance.

Yours, TOM FAIRCHILD

J. M. Newell

Dear Editor:

Your letter regarding the November News Letter, has at last stirred up my dormant intention of writing something for that important publication. Advocating, as I do, that the Association extend its activities beyond the encircling hills at Ithaca, I appreciate the importance of the News Letter as a unifying bond for the scattered members. I am glad therefore to note your policy of collecting letters from men outside the Cornell Branch.

As for my own activities, I shall give a short outline. After the convention I drove around to the Catskills and Boston for a brief trip and returned to Newark. There I spent the time going to New York to attend summer classes in physiology at the Medical Center. The trip took about two hours each way and, in the terrific heat of the subways, left me little ambition to do more than some general reading in the evenings. I finished the course in the middle of August and immediately rushed down to Baltimore where my wife had a position in the library. Mrs. Mooers, the mother of Malcolm Mooers who is at Deep Springs, kindly took us in until we could find an apartment and get settled. I immediately settled down to work on my problem of preparing a diet. Around the first of September I got some rats on the diet. The great heat interfered with their growth and later in cooler weather I started more. From then on until school started I had many details to clear up. At the beginning of October I started in on class work in pathology which is the last of the prerequisites which I must work off. With three full days a week on that and with keeping my nutrition problem going, I am quite busy. If all goes well, I will finish the problem at the end of the school year and get my degree as Doctor of Science in Hygiene.

With this letter I am sending a paper on the "Spectrographic Analysis of Marine Products." This was recently sent to me by the Bureau of Fisheries and is the result of the work I did for them last year. Will you turn the paper over to the Branch archives?

Michel Pijoan is hard at work in the medical school. We are both so busy that we see each other only occasionally. He is working on some research besides his other duties in the school. From all I have heard he is doing very well.

I shall welcome gladly the News Letter when it comes for I am very isolated from contact with the news and ideas of the Association. I hope that I can get up to Ithaca sometime during the year but, if it is not possible, at least I hope to compare ideas through the News Letter.

With best wishes,  
JOHN NEWELL

## Cornell Branch Notes

On October 20 Mr. H. Addington Bruce was the guest of the Branch. He gave Cornellians a talk on "Goldwin Smith, the Man," in that very title perhaps implying that the man is only a name to too many Cornellians.

Hamlin Garland followed Mr. Bruce two days later as our guest, and lectured at the university, his subject being "Talks With Famous Authors."

Professor Herbert A. Miller and Mrs. Miller visited us on October 26 and 27. Professor Miller, late of Ohio State University, spoke on "The American Racial Problem" and on "European Minorities."

Dr. Serge Koussevitzky, conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, was with us for a few hours on October 31, after many Pullman nights and a heavy schedule of concerts. While his stay was confined merely to a brief spell of rest, and we saw little of him, the siesta undoubtedly helped him to put forth his best in the concert, a memorable one in the University series.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Monaghan and their guest, Dr. Bates, visited the Branch on the weekend of October 31.

Members of the Branch gave a house party over the weekend of November seventh. It started with snow surrises and the customary big dance on Friday night, progressed through moderating temperatures and diverse amusements to the dinner dance Saturday and its aftermaths of theatre and fireside, and gradually became a thing of memory during the balmy hours of an Indian Summer Sunday.

The lists of Sunday guests, which the News Letter has been accustomed to publish at considerable length, have been omitted in this issue. Unless readers express a desire for this information, it will not be included hereafter.

P. B.

## Documents Received

The Association has received during the summer the following documents for its files:

**The Jury of Death**, by Robert Collyer Washburn, published by the Crime Club.

**The Life and Times of Lydia E. Pinkham**, by Robert Collyer Washburn, published by Putnam

**Ambrose Bierce and the Authorship of "The Monk and the Hangman's Daughter"**, by Frank C. Monaghan, published in the January, 1931, *American Literature*

An article on **Educating the College Plumber**, by W. Paul Jones, published in the *Saturday Evening Post*.

Ten articles published by Herbert Reich:

1. "A Comparison of the Variation of Intensity and Direction of Radio Signals."

2. "A New Method of Testing for Distortion in Audio-Frequency Amplifiers."

3. "A Periodic Contractor Operated by a Neon-Tube Oscillator."

4. "A Sodium-Argon Glass-Tube."

5. "A Vacuum Tube Voltage Regulator for Large Power Units." (In collaboration with L. C. Verman.)

6. "A New Type of Glow Discharge Tube."

7. "The Photoelectric Effect in Glow-Discharge Tubes." (Thesis for Ph. D. at Cornell.)

8. "An Improved Model of Neon-Tube Contactor."

9. "Changes Observed in the Direction of Radio Signals at the time of the Eclipse of January 24, 1925." (In Collaboration with Ernest Merritt and C. C. Bidwell.)

10. "The Oscilloscope: A Stabilized Cathode-Ray" (In collaboration with Frederick Bedell.)

"Geology of Deep Spring Valley, California"—W. J. Miller.

"A New Method for Recording Electrons"—Percy H. Carr.

"A New Type of Carving from the Columbia Valley"—Julian H. Steward.

"The Killing of Plant Tissue and the Inactivation of Tobacco Mosaic Virus by Ultra Violet Radiation"—John M. Newell.

"A Note on the Effect of Kidney Extract on Micro-organisms (In vivo) and Tissues (In vitro)." and "The Action of Testicle, Kidney, and Spleen Extracts on the Infective Power of Bacteria."—Michel Pijoan.

## J. R. Withrow

Dear Editor:

Leaving the Convention and going to Europe was like jumping from the frying pan into the fire; for although we were quite concerned here about financial matters, yet Central Europe was on the verge of a disastrous panic. Whatever the merits of German bankruptcy claims may be, it is nevertheless, extremely embarrassing to possess German marks and not be able to exchange them into different currency on leaving that country. Hungary was even worse, for there it was impossible to get rid of dollars in exchange for their nearly worthless pengos. As a result of such experiences I was quite glad to arrive in Austria where they at least have a stable currency.

I had heard so many adverse criticisms of Vienna that I came prepared for the worst. It is quite true that the old gaiety is gone, and that city has in many respects a dismal air. Yet Vienna contained a thrill for me that no other city has ever equalled. Vienna is a huge experiment in civic welfare. The city is in business, and some forty-four enterprises are run completely or partially by commissions responsible to the city council.

These enterprises contain the usual ones of street railroads and buses, gas and electricity, but in addition there are banks, textile mills, shoe factories, and even municipal chain stores and restaurants. By far the most impressive sight in Vienna is the new housing program, with its sixty thousand apartments constructed for the very poorest of Viennese laborers. These housing units are models of modern equipment and design, and most of them are surrounded by parks, and contain vast gardens in their court yards. Such sights would fill anyone with a desire to help eradicate the slum districts that occur in all American big cities.

Europe is becoming more interesting, for at least she seems to be throwing away some of her old diplomacy, and facing the real problems that confront her. Unfortunately, the solutions or equitable adjustments of most of these problems require the help of the United States. Yet we are hardly ready to do our part. Too few of our leaders, intellectual and political, have even the slightest grasp of European psychology, and the tenseness of the situation, to make our actions more than well-meaning but blundering steps.

It is a thrilling sensation to live in Europe and feel the pressure of political events, and the tenseness of national problems. Europe would be worth visiting for this reason alone, but of course in addition there are endless other interesting and profitable sides. Members of the Association have in recent years neglected to go to Europe. This, I feel, is a mistake, if one can possibly afford to go. For in the long run such a trip pays, by bringing forth a new appreciation of European civilization, and of some of their more pressing problems.

Sincerely,

JIM WITHROW

## Notes and Clippings

Miss Margaret Elizabeth Ringnald, daughter of Mrs. Josephine Basche Ringnald, and Raymond Goss McKelvey were married at Ventura, California, on Friday, October 16. They will be at home after November 16 at 354 North Avenue Fifty-three, Los Angeles. The Ladies' Auxiliary of Telluride Association welcomes its new member.

Dr. J. W. Aird and Dr. J. L. Aird, father and brother respectively of Bob Aird, have become associated with Dr. C. Max Anderson in the formation of the Anderson-Aird Clinic at the Hermosa-Redondo Hospital, 160 Manhattan Avenue, Hermosa Beach, California.

Kirtland Harsch is now an assistant in the accounting laboratory at the University of the City of Toledo. He is at the same time taking advanced work in the cost accounting.

R. H. Mansfield

Dear Editor:

May I report that the Valley Road Branch of Telluride Association has been making reasonably good progress during the current school term, and that by virtue of the peculiar unity, efficiency of operation and general solidarity possible in such branches, much is expected of the season's work. Meetings have been held frequently within the Branch has not always been of the social sessions have taken place in connection with other branches with successful results. While work in the Branch has not always been of the best, the general outlook is favorable, and your correspondent is optimistic.

With regard to the writer's own program, the following information is offered: It is his present intention to prepare himself for research work in physics in some one of the numerous organizations which carry on active scientific research. At present, study is chiefly confined to getting a good basic preparation for this work, together with a little side study in other fields to give a certain cultural background, and some appreciation of the broader aspects of the situation. With graduation coming in February, scholastic work this term is almost entirely concerned with physics and mathematics, which work will probably be continued until June. The idea is to obtain work in one of the above-mentioned scientific organizations by next summer; which work will be educational, will indicate to some extent what has been learned and what should be learned, will provide a definite basis and increased ability for subsequent graduate work, and will, possibly be lucrative. Following this, the intention is to work toward an advanced degree at whatever institution seems best suited for the purpose. In the event that no such work is obtainable, graduate work will be commenced at whatever institution is found most desirable in view of future prospects for scientific work. This outline is as definite as, or more definite than, present circumstances justify, and must be taken as such. Meanwhile there is no thought of crawling into a sequestered hole, with all interests not pertinent to the above eliminated. Varied reading, social contacts, occasional thinking, music, food, sleep, and nefarious doings, still have their place, if not too much place—especially sleep and nefarious doings. It might be added that all material conveniences necessary for the procedure outlined are well provided for and health has so far been excellent.

You suggest that summer activities are of interest to readers of the News Letter. I doubt this strongly, but will nevertheless record that the last summer was not spent in entirely useless or unpleasant pursuits. It so happened that no desirable employment was available, that summer school work for credit was of no advantage, and that no extensive Cook tours were practicable. The compromise

reached was a tour of New England and the northeastern states, a month of informal, unsupervised unofficial study in Ithaca, and, a month of further travel and visiting which to the writer at least was very satisfactory.

To conclude the report, the V. R. Branch is looking forward with pleasure to a visit from the president of the Association, and would equally welcome visits from other members.

Yours respectfully,

ROBERT H. MANSFIELD

R. C. Williams

Dear Bill:

As one of those individuals with whom the Convention trusted an outside scholarship, I consider it just and proper of the News Letter to wish a report of my summer's activity and plans for next year. In fact it has always seemed to me that the Association should receive from such men frequent reports, for, aside from a short week in June, this is about the only indication of the use to which they put their scholarship.

Let us assume that Time began on June 20, 1931. The following week or so was spent in peaceful bliss on the shores of Lake George, which represented the summer's vacation as well as a wedding trip. During the summer in Ithaca, I attended two summer school courses and did research in spectroscopy. The research was done under a man who later left for Illinois, which left me the researcher to fill his shoes. This I have done poorly, since he was about seven years my academic senior. After he left, I quit the work in the laboratory and studied spectroscopic theory for the rest of the summer.

Fortunately the term started in three weeks, and I was forced to abandon my quanta and energy-levels for a time. Studying theory is lots of fun, but a three-week stretch is enough at a time. This term I am teaching, taking courses, and attempting to research. I hold down my same job in the physics 60 laboratory, which takes about eighteen hours a week. The two courses are both in theoretical physics, while the researching is in spectroscopy. My major is experimental physics and astronomy with minors in theoretical physics and philosophy. I intend to work on my second minor next year when Professor Burt of Chicago will have arrived. I have split my major with the understanding that the work in astronomy will be only as much as I can do at Cornell. I intend to enter astro-physics eventually, and believe that my major so split will be my best preparation. Next term, I shall instruct in the astronomy department, giving courses 180 and 181, in the absence of Professor Boothroyd. I shall also continue one physics course, and attempt some research in physics and astronomy.

Sincerely, ROBELEY

W. Bannister

Dear Bill:

This year has seen a little change in the personnel of members and friends of the Association at or about Stanford. We miss the companionship of Fred Moore, who no longer is studying business administration here. Frank Lerrigo, of Deep Springs, graduated from the law school last year; and Charles Eddy, whom some of the Deep Springs men will remember also, likewise left Stanford Law School. Professor Ferris, after his stay in England last year, is back at Stanford this year. Isham Ralley is still instructing and studying in the physics department. Father Meehan is teaching again this year at Belmont School, near by; and he tells me that he also has the pleasure of instructing in English at Notre Dame college for women.

A few days ago those of us who are still at Stanford lunched together; having as guests Bishop Dallas, of the Episcopal diocese of New Hampshire, who was then visiting the campus to preach in the chapel; and two applicants for the position of undergraduate guest at Cornell next year.

As for myself, I am continuing my studies in economics in anticipation of a law course, and I am busily occupied with debating. Two other Stanford debaters and I shall soon go to the University of California to take the negative of the question, "RESOLVED, that the present world economic crisis constitutes a major indictment of the capitalistic system."

Yours sincerely,

WAYNE BANNISTER

## Obituaries

Dr. Henry L. Hayes, father of our former Branch president, Henry G. Hayes, died suddenly in San Francisco on September 19 when stricken with a heart attack. Dr. Hayes, a retired Army surgeon, was well known to many members of the Association. He practiced in Washington and the Hawaiian Islands. During the World War he served in the Army Medical Corps and later in the Public Health Service and in the advisory group of the central board of appeals of the Veterans' Bureau.

On October 27, Dr. John A. Whittle passed away at his home in Rochester. Dr. Whittle, father of John A. Whittle, jr., visited the Branch several times during his son's residence here. He was one of the prominent physicians of Rochester, a specialist in children's diseases.

Mrs. J. R. Harsch, mother of Kirtland Harsch, died in Toledo, Ohio, on November 5, after a short illness. Mrs. Harsch will be remembered by alumni who were associated with the Nunn brothers at Niagara Falls, Telluride, Provo, and Olmsted in the years 1903 to 1913.