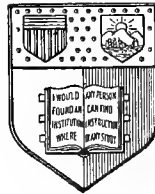




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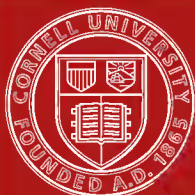
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And chaseth all ill-habits thence.”—BEN JONSON.





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## PART I

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