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JOHN HENRY COMSTOCK was determined to get an education. He came to Cornell University because it offered him an opportunity to earn his living while pursuing his studies. Anna Botsford came to Cornell because women were admitted on an equality with men. She approved of coeducation. These two young people, each born on a farm and reared in a rural environment, had kindred sympathies and like ambitions. It was inevitable that they should gravitate toward each other and that Anna Botsford should become Anna Botsford Comstock. Happily, their pathway in life continued at the University through many years of gracious companionship and enduring achievement.

The Comstocks worked out their life program together and developed along with Cornell University. They shared the trials and struggles of the University during its early years and, with it, labored on to days of splendid fruition. From these early associations and mutual strivings, the Comstocks came to have an abiding love for Cornell and an unswerving loyalty to its ideals. It seemed to be the chief ambition of each of them to achieve something to the glory and honor of their Alma Mater.

Some months before her death, Mrs. Comstock completed a narrative of the lives of her husband and herself. The account was written during intervals of a busy life, the latter part of it during the year of the author's last illness. Anyone interested in Cornell will find much in the narrative concerning the University. Mrs. Comstock had intended to publish the account be-

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fore her death but the end came before she was aware of its approach.

Although the manuscript left by Mrs. Comstock was long, it was difficult for one who had worked with the Comstocks for thirty years to omit a single page, no matter how irrelevant it might seem to a stranger. I asked Dr. Francis Wormuth, with his more impersonal attitude, to assist in the arrangement of the manuscript material. Dr. Wormuth's experience in editing has been most helpful. I am most indebted to Dr. Ruby Green Smith (Mrs. Albert W. Smith) who, out of her love for the Comstocks and her devotion to their memory, put aside the writing of one of her own books to go over the manuscript with great care, make many constructive criticisms, and consent to become coeditor; also to Mr. George H. Russell, for his persistent efforts in aid of the publication of this book; and to the late Professors Simon H. Gage and George Lincoln Burr for kindly criticism and advice.

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