



CHICAGO RESEARCH LABORATORIES REPORT ULTRA-VIOLET RAYS CONQUERED

Sodium Sunex to Prevent Sunburn

Most people have the mistaken idea that sunburn is caused by "the heat of the sun." This is incorrect. Sunburn is caused by the ultra-violet rays, which constitute only seven percent of sunlight.

Nature herself provides a form of protection against the ultra-violet rays, for when a person is exposed continually to sunlight he will find that after several attacks of sunburn, the skin becomes tanned or freckled. Tan and freckles are simply the natural pigment which nature provides as a yellow screen through which the ultra-violet rays cannot pass and cause real injury by continued burning.

People with tender or fair skins will get severely sunburned many times before they can get the coat of tan or freckles, which serves as a yellow screen to keep out the ultra-violet or burning rays of sunlight.

Science, however, has come to the rescue of those who enjoy sunshine and the out-of-doors but who dread the pain and injury of sunburn or the disfigurement of a yellowish coat of tan or freckles.

This scientific discovery is based on the well-known fact that a substance as transparent as glass screens out the ultra-violet rays. One can be exposed to sunlight under glass for an indefinite period and get healthful, beneficial effects of the rays without being burned. The gardener grows his tender young plants under glass, where they thrive in the sunlight from which the ultra-violet or burning rays have been screened off by glass.

Research workers in the course of their laboratory investigations into the properties of ultra-violet light, have discovered a chemical which is as transparent as glass but which has the property of shielding the skin from the ultra-violet or burning rays of sunlight and thus giving absolute protection against sunburn. It performs exactly the same function as the transparent screen of glass or the yellow screen of tan or freckles. This chemical is said to be beneficial to the skin. Mr. E. B. Vliet, Research Chemist of The Abbott Laboratories, Chicago, in explaining the technical action of this new discovery says:

"Radiation from the sun is classified as infra-red, visible, or ultra-violet according to the wave length. The infra-red portion consists of wave lengths greater than 0.75 micron, (a micron is one one-millionth of a meter) and contains the heat waves. The visible portion includes all the waves visible to the human eye (between 0.75 and 0.39 microns), the longest waves being red and the shorter ones shading off thru orange, yellow, green and blue to violet. The ultra-violet, containing all waves shorter than 0.39 micron, is invisible to the eye and is the portion that is entirely responsible for sunburn and freckles.

"When solar radiation strikes a body some of the waves are reflected, others are absorbed and some may be transmitted. Some substances, like lampblack, absorb nearly all of the waves. Others, such as window glass, transmit most of the infra-red rays, all of the visible but absorb nearly all of the ultra-violet. Still others have a more selective absorption. A sheet of hard black rubber absorbs visible and ultra-violet radiation but is transparent to infra-red. Red glass transmits only red and some infra-red, but absorbs all other waves, while blue cobalt glass transmits only blue and violet.

"In our search for a material that could be used to prevent sunburn and freckles, it was necessary to find a substance that would absorb all of the ultra-violet and transmit all of the

VARSITY HUMBLER OLD FOE

Hands Out Beating to Allegheny's Cindermen 75 2-3 to 50 1-3

THREE COLLEGE RECORDS BROKEN

Alfred triumphed over an old foe last Friday afternoon when the Purple track team defeated Allegheny College 75 2-3 to 50 1-3. The Purple team clearly demonstrated its superiority over the visitors who were conceded a more even chance to win than it is apparent they deserved. However, Allegheny presented the stiffest opposition thus far encountered and threw a scare into the local camp on several occasions when they threatened to take the lead. Every race was closely contested, while Allegheny showed superior talent in several of the field events. The Meadville institution was able to win but four first places while Alfred gathered in ten.

To Captain McConnell of Alfred must go a big share of the credit, for out of the nine events he entered he captured three firsts, three seconds, one third, tied for a first, and tied for a second place for a total of 30 1-3 points. Gibbs contributed 14 points, Navin 10, Herrick 8, and Witter 6. For Allegheny, Judd performed brilliantly collecting 17 1-3 points to 10 for his team-mate Parnell.

"Kidder" Witter smashed the record for the mile run by eleven seconds in one of the prettiest races of the day. Bill Navin lowered the 440 yard dash record and Capt. McConnell equalled his 100 yard and 220 yard dash records and set a new one in the discus throw. Gibbs ran the 120 yard high hurdles in 16 1-5 seconds, but the record was not allowed as he knocked over two hurdles.

Summary:

- 100 yard dash—**
1. McConnell, Alfred. 10 1-5 sec.
 2. Williams, Allegheny
 3. Horner, Alfred and Ellsworth, Allegheny.
- 220 yard dash—**
1. McConnell, Alfred. 23 3-5 sec.
 2. Williams, Allegheny
 3. Lahr, Alfred.

other waves so that beneficial effects of exposure to the sun would be unimpaired. Furthermore, the substance had to be one that could be incorporated into a cream and thus applied to the skin in an invisible layer and be absolutely harmless.

"This search was greatly hastened by the instrument known as a quartz spectrograph. In this apparatus there is a source of light rich in ultra-violet, a quartz prism to break up the light into its various wave lengths and a photographic plate to record the results, for in this work, the human eye cannot be used. By putting various substances in the path of the light going to the prism, certain wave length waves are absorbed and, in the spots where these waves would strike the photographic plate, a blank space results. Thus series after series of substances were quickly tried and a few were found that absorbed the ultra-violet waves completely, but let the others pass. These were tested further to determine their fitness in other respects and one was finally selected that was far superior to the others. This product is a synthetic organic compound with one of those long chemical names that serve to keep a haze of mystery about the otherwise very practical science of chemistry.

"However, for practical purposes, it is also known as sodium-sunex because of its ability to remove the ultra-violet from the sun's rays."

One mile run—

1. Witter, Alfred. 4:46 3-5
2. Herrick, Alfred
3. McIntosh, Allegheny.

120 yard high hurdles—

1. Gibbs, Alfred. 16 1-5 sec.
2. McConnell, Alfred
3. Slocum, Allegheny.

440 yard dash—

1. Navin, Alfred. 52 3-5 sec.
2. Rea, Allegheny
3. Grover, Alfred.

220 yard low hurdles—

1. Gibbs and McConnell, Alfred. 27 2-5 sec.
3. Slocum, Allegheny.

One-half mile run—

1. Navin, Alfred. 2:11 2-5 sec.
2. Rea, Allegheny
3. Witter, Alfred.

2 mile run—

1. Herrick, Alfred. 11:00 3-5 sec.
2. Bliss, Allegheny
3. Jones, Allegheny.

Shot put—

1. Parnell, Allegheny. 40' 9 1-2".
2. Judd, Allegheny
3. McConnell, Alfred.

Pole vault—

1. Judd, Allegheny. 10' 5".
2. Kelly, Alfred and Taylor, Allegheny.

Discus—

1. Parnell, Allegheny. 124' 6".
2. L. McConnell, Alfred
3. Cibula, Allegheny.

High Jump—

1. Gibbs, Alfred. 5' 8".
 2. L. McConnell, Alfred
- Babcock, Alfred and Judd, Allegheny, tied.

Broad jump—

1. Judd, Allegheny. 20' 6".
2. L. McConnell, Alfred
3. D. McConnell, Alfred.

Javelin—

1. L. McConnell, Alfred. 145' 1".
2. Judd, Allegheny
3. Ford, Alfred and Piper, Allegheny, tied.

INDUSTRIAL GIRLS FIND RECREATION AT Y. W. C. A.

Only the fact that someone named "Sheppard" asked me to contribute to the alumni column makes it impossible for me to save you all from "my peculiar style of literature" (as Mathilde Vossler Kelley would say). But since Muriel Sheppard will not forget that I, in a moment of weakness, promised her something about my work, here it is, and my only justification is that I spared you all during my own college days.

Much is being said and written these days on the subject of workers' education. Summer schools for industrial workers, courses through trade unions, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. classes, etc., are offering workers an opportunity they have never had before. Those of us who are in touch with the situation can see the gradual awakening that is taking place and we are wondering what the future may bring forth. Shall I tell you what the Y. W. C. A. is contributing to the general movement?

During the war thousands of girls and women were employed in industry, and problems of housing and protection arose in great numbers. Employers found themselves faced with problems they had never had before. Many of them turned to the Young Women's Christian Association for help, and the Industrial department of

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS CONDUCT ASSEMBLY

The student body employed the Assembly period last Wednesday for the election of the Student Senate for 1924-5, the revision of the Campus Rules, and the discussion of proposed changes in the constitution of the Athletic Association.

As elected by the students, the members of the Student Senate are, Duane Anderson '25, Alvin Dunbar '25, Hamilton Whipple '25, Hollis Herrick '26, and Warren Coleman '26.

The changes in the Campus Rules which were printed in the Fiat of last week were accepted as read excepting the one concerning the reporting of violations of the Honor System. This section has been revised and appears elsewhere in this issue. It will be voted on in its present form, tomorrow.

The merit system governing the participation in college activities which has been in force during the past year, was the point of much discussion and impassioned debate. This too will be discussed again tomorrow.

Robert Witter, president of the Athletic Council, suggested the various changes in the constitution of the Athletic Association which appear in this issue of the Fiat. They will be voted upon at the next assembly.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Managers

Managerships and assistant managers for football, baseball, basketball, track, cross country, and tennis teams and interscholastic meet shall be awarded by a board consisting of the Coach, the Graduate Manager and the president of the Athletic Association from the competitors.

I. Sophomores wishing to tryout for managerships must report to the Athletic Council who will turn him over to the manager of the sport.

II. At the end of the year three (3) of these men are to be chosen by the board to act as assistant managers in their respective sport, (3) three for each sport, the next year.

III. From the assistant managers the manager for the following year is picked.

Proposed addition to the Athletic Association constitution to govern girls' athletics:

Article VIII

Section 1. The sports for girls for which an A may be granted, are basketball, track and tennis.

Section 2. Every girl who is entitled to a first team insignia, shall receive a certificate designating the authority for wearing the letter. This certificate shall be signed by the chairman of the athletic committee (faculty), the coach and the president of the athletic council.

Section 3. The insignia for girls' sports is the block A's "by 5." There shall be no second team insignia.

Any girl participating in intercollegiate sports, must play in one-half the playing time each season—there being a schedule of at least three collegiate contests—to win the insignia, except on the approval of the Athletic Council, after recommendation by the Coach.

Any girl out for Varsity basketball for 4 years, or after having participated in interclass basketball for four years—entire season each year—shall, upon recommendation of the Coach and approval of the Athletic Council, receive the insignia. Names shall be filed with the Athletic Association at the end of each season and recommended by the Coach.

Any girl breaking a track record shall receive an insignia.

Any girl who shall win a tennis tournament with at least ten original entries in singles or six entries in doubles, shall receive tennis insignia.

Any girl participating in an inter-

VICTORY AT ROCHESTER WILL CLOSE SEASON OF NO DEFEATS

Hot Contest Expected

Alfred will attempt to complete its track season with a clean slate by defeating the University of Rochester at Rochester next Saturday afternoon. Not in many years have teams from these two institutions met and each is out to win.

Allegheny, who went down to defeat last Friday at the hands of the Purple track men, squeezed out a win over the Rochester outfit two weeks ago at Allegheny and for this reason, Alfred is favored to win. But that it will be a "cinch," no one should think.

Rochester is weak on the field but will give Alfred a hard tussle on the track—and an even closer battle in the runs may be expected than that witnessed in the Allegheny meet.

Many students are planning to make the trip to Rochester to watch Alfred's greatest track team in action and hope to see it pull through with a big, clean-cut victory.

HONOR SYSTEM REVISIONS

Student body meeting called after Assembly, May 28, for the consideration of the following revision of the honor system, and a revote on the scale for student activities.

PRES. STUDENT SENATE, Article III

Section 1. Each student is honor bound to prevent violations. In the case of violation of the Honor System in an examination evidenced by papers on or about a person or by conspicuous open books, or by actions which would indicate cheating, such violation shall be subject to discipline under the Honor System. For work done in the laboratory or at home, the instructor shall define what constitutes breach of the Honor System. Failure to live up to his decision shall be considered a violation. A person detecting a breach of the Honor System shall at once make his displeasure known if possible in some fashion as by shaking his head or speaking to the one whose actions indicate a violation and at his discretion report the violation to the Senate. Continued violation after the warning or violation for the second time, must be reported to the Senate. The report to the Senate may be made in person or in writing. A report in writing must be signed.

ALUMNI PLAN TRIP ABROAD

Beatrice Streeter '21, Emma Schroeder '21, and Hollice Law '20, are planning to go to Europe this summer. After a short time together in the British Isles, Miss Schroeder and Miss Streeter will go to Italy and Miss Law to Spain for study.

AN APOLOGY

The staff of the program publication for the Sixteenth Interscholastic contest, is sorry that Mr. Fred Ellis' ad was not acknowledged in printed form. Mr. Ellis gave an ad to the publication but through my error it was left out.

Wm. NAVIN.

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE

Tomorrow the Varsity "A" Club asks your consideration in their support of the present index requirements, and their opposition to the proposed index requirements of the merit system.

In our defense of the present .5 maximum, and our opposition to the suggested .8 maximum for a major office; in our stand for the 1923-1924 index gage offices A .5, B .4, C .3, D .2, E .1, Continued on page four

collegiate tennis tournament shall receive a tennis insignia.

Section IV and Section V. The same as in Article VI.

OVER YOUR HEAD OR HIGHER

By Lester C. Spier

THE SKELETON IN MY CLOSET, SPEAKS

I didn't go to college—
Said the Pliocene skull—
But I wasn't such a dumbbell
And my knowledge wasn't null.
I had studied no thesaurus,
But I'd trap a dinosaur
For to make a supper for us
(My old lady liked to stew it):
And my limbs were so prehensile
I could twist them like elastic;
Used to twine 'em all around me
For a setting up gymnastic—
And I'd like to see you do it!
With the strength that's known as tensile
I was there boy, I was there;
Used to raid the mammoth's lair,
Drag 'em homeward by the hair,
Quick as a wink, before they knew it—
And I'd like to see you do it!
No, I never studied Latin
And I never went to college,
But I wasn't such a dumbbell—
I acquired a little knowledge.
All the hearth in midst was shrouded,
Warm as soup and hardly thinner,
And with hungry beasties crowded
Who regarded me as dinner;
Well, I had no education—
Hadn't even been to high school.
Kill 'em first and argue later—
It's a good rule and was my rule,
Life was harder than creation,
But, by Gosh, I struggled through it
And invented civilization—
Say, I'd like to see you do it!

The heights by great men wisely steered,
Were not attained by high-brow pen;
But they, while their companions sneered,
Were using hokum now and then.

I never wish I were a kid again
When I fool around in the winter's snow,
I never wish I were a kid again,
When the springtime comes and the soft
winds blow.

I never wish I were a kid again,
When the sun-light fades o'er the earth
dew-wet,
I never wish I were a kid again,
'Cause I'm too darn glad, that I am one yet.

Reform! Reform! Reform!
The people shout of late
It is the craze, and we conform
Or else, we're out of date.

It is the mark, of "Time on File,"
And is decreed by fate,
So now my lass, go change your smile,
Or else your out of date.

TEACHING SCHOOL—AN UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE

It is such a common occurrence for Alfred graduates to join the ranks of the army of school teachers, and the occupation itself is such a familiar one, that my title will probably sound like a contradiction of terms. Before my year's work began, indeed, there was no anticipation on my own part of anything unusual. In fact, my first inkling that I was in a situation new to me, came as I was passing through the hall on the day of my arrival. School was in session: I casually glanced at one of the blackboards, and to my astonishment saw printed upon it in large letters the terse command: SPEAK ENGLISH! Now, in the schools to which I had been accustomed, English alone was the rule—not always the purest and most grammatical, certainly—but still, English. What else would one speak in a high school in America? In the light of later experience, I can now answer my own question. What else?—Polish, German, Swedish, Lithuanian, Yiddish, Italian, Croatian—either separately or together! In our school, it is not uncommon—particularly in the kindergarten, of course, for five or six children to be seated in a row, each speaking a different language, and none of them speaking English.

To repeat, this was my first indication of a situation new to me. Another, rather more disturbing to myself, came later, when I had been introduced to my classes and was attempting to take the roll. A person familiar with Allegany county and its Stillmans, Greens and Burdicks, is perhaps not the best equipped in the world to spell and pronounce names which run like this—Kusmercyk, Gasiewicz, Bachowski, DePasquale, Kacryzk, Kopycinski, Marenovic, Weislo—particularly without previous warning. When it came to learning the names I tried strategy. Picking out the child with the most American appearance. I would ask his name in a conciliatory tone—thinking that I would become accustomed to the others by degrees. Yet often I was caught, in spite of this crafty plan. Some little chap who gave every indication of being Henry Brown would distress me by insisting that he was a Tadeusz Fazekas!

It might be interesting here to digress a little and explain the reason for these conditions, not unusual to American cities, of course, but present here in a far greater degree than is common. Less than a quarter of a century ago the city now known as Lackawanna, was an ordinary suburb of Buffalo, and gave every promise of remaining so. A few years later a portion of the Bethlehem Steel Mills, induced by the favorable location on Lake Erie, was placed here. A change was made practically over night. There was an astonishing increase of population, and the new residents were practically without exception, foreign-born. Lackawanna jumped from an unimportant village, to the Steel City, nearly all of whose citizens are people not born in America,

and who represent almost every nation in the world.

It has often been said that the foreigner, on coming here, is impressed by the material civilization of America only, and it is this which he wishes to imitate. Conditions in the schools here would seem to show that the remark is true. In proportion to her population, Lackawanna should have a high school of a thousand students; as a matter of fact, there are only about two hundred, of whom half never go beyond the first year. The reason is simple. Frank Kambycka and Mary Amorosi—and a large number besides—became sixteen sometime during the Freshman year. They are no longer compelled by law to go to school. If they are not being troubled too much about lessons by the teachers, or having too uncomfortable a time, they stay until June. More likely, they tramp down the aisle at dismissal the night before their sixteenth birthday, announcing right and left to their friends with a triumphant air: "Don't have to go to school no more! Going to get a job,"—and the halls of learning see them no more. To be earning money, however young one may be, is the thing that is desirable in this world. Their attitude is not unnatural. The most noticeable fact to those who have come from countries where everyday people have no oversupply of material prosperity, is that in America one must have a great deal to eat and drink, a great many fine clothes and expensive amusements—in a word, a great deal of money to be happy! Our emphasis upon this is more apparent to them than to us.

The eagerness of the foreign child to leave school and "get a job," however, is usually as much a matter of necessity as of willingness. It never happens that he comes from a family of one or two, as the American child—he is probably the oldest of eight at least. By the time he reaches the age of fourteen or fifteen, he is grown-up, at least in comparison with the rest of the family, and he must assist in their support. So it happens that the child of foreign-born parentage who completes even high school is the exception, rather than the rule.

Occasionally, however, fathers and mothers who cannot read or write, who simply "make their mark" when it comes to signing a report card, who have to take a ten-year old son with them to interpret when they have any business dealings—who, in fact, have spent their whole lives in the hardest kind of work, so that they have not even been able to learn the language of their new country—these people, sometimes, are the most anxious that their children should have what they have never known—the magic of an education. They are impressed with its magic all the more because of their own unfamiliarity with it. In cases of this sort, the attitude of the child is interesting. It never occurs to him to be asking ceaselessly what good Latin and Geometry, for instance, are going to be to him, as the shrewd and practical Yankee is forever doing. He

understands that they are the customary parts of an education—an education is supposed to be a good thing and he accepts the process itself without comment.

Such cases are the exception, however. The former "get a job" attitude is far more common. It can be seen, then, that the great necessity in a school here is to convince both parents and children that education really is something desirable, though it does not immediately produce money. Another great task before the school, and this needs to be brought home not merely to the foreign children, certainly is to show that the individual freedom of America is beneficial only as it does not work injury upon one's neighbors. Mary Antin speaks of the effect of American freedom upon people newly arrived to her shores. The pendulum swings: the man who in his own country had been most heavily bound down by the chains of custom, tradition and obedience to authority, breaks them most completely as soon as he gets any breath of freedom at all. Sometimes he breaks those which he would do well to retain. So with the children. America is the land of freedom; America is the place where one can do as one likes. When this idea, with no limiting clauses, is firmly fixed in the mind of children and grown-ups—and I repeat, the idea is certainly not confined to the foreign-born—order and obedience are difficult to secure. It is the school which must show them that the most perfect freedom includes some obedience as well, and the process is often painful and disheartening for the teacher.

However, the picture must not be altogether discouraging. There have been amusing experiences as well. On March 17, I discovered that the child from the most distant corner of Russia or Italy knew how to celebrate the day as well as those born in Brooklyn, and Ireland herself was not more green than our study hall. Boys and girls most unmistakably of Polish or German extraction seemed to delight in wearing the largest quantities of the most vivid green.... The calendar of the Greek church is thirteen days behind the one which is commonly used. Consequently, the children of that faith, grinning with satisfaction, departed to celebrate their Christmas holidays just when their companions were reluctantly returning to school in the early part of January. What envious glances the latter cast upon them!... One day I was telling my class of the custom in the East for the followers of Mohammed to turn towards Mecca and recite their prayers. "That's so!" one of my little girls declared. "There are Arabs down near where I live, and every day they go out in the yard and keep bowing towards the East while they say their prayers." Doesn't that stir the imagination? Dusky Arabs, once clad in flowing robes and kneeling at sunset in the great desert, now wearing American-made suits, in a smoky industrial city outlined against a sky reddened with the blasts of furnaces—yet still turning towards Mecca and reciting their prayers to Allah!

One more incident, which perhaps will justify my title more than any of the rest. Before the election last November, the new law as to literacy qualifications of voters went into effect. Those who had never before voted in New York state had to prove their ability to read and write English. The applicants were given a simply paragraph to read; then below were questions on the content of the preceding paragraph, and to these questions they were to write the answers.

The nights of the tests I stood and watched the people in the room. Swedes, Germans, Italians, Poles—men and women who bore all the marks of hard and unceasing toil upon them—but how much more toil it was for them to perform this task! Nearly all had to spell out each line of the paragraph letter by letter, and, when it came to writing the answers, labor over every stroke even more painfully. Many of them were not able to understand the directions sufficiently to make any attempt; some of them could understand but were unable to formulate their thoughts sufficiently to compose their answers; many lacked the simple medium of writing. Think of the doors closed to them—thousands of doors, which have been opening

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First, to those who have assisted
the staff either directly or indirectly,
we wish to express our hearty apprecia-
tion.

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hard work weekly for thirty issues per
year will feel that he is receiving
anything like a square deal unless
some credit is forthcoming. Do not
misinterpret these statements. They
are not intended in the light of com-
plaints against the lack of co-operation
through the present year. This
article is written for the purpose of
enlightening some people who have
little conception of the amount of
energy and time expended on each
issue of the college paper and to at-
tempt to bring about some sort of re-
form which shall insure better co-
operation in years to come and eventu-
ally produce a high grade college news-
paper at Alfred. At present, it can-
not be said to be a one-man publica-
tion but its personnel is certainly re-
stricted very closely to staff mem-
bers.

We agree entirely with the person
who made the remark that Alfred
would never have a first class col-
lege paper until a competitive system
of securing positions on the staff were
introduced. With the English depart-
ment rests the task of perfecting such
a plan and to that end all efforts
should be directed.

Criticisms of unknown origin in re-
gard to the literary character of the
paper have reached us and, since the

critics prefer to remain in the back-
ground, we must meet these com-
plaints in a general way. The Fiat
Lux is not intended as an example
of literary excellence. Few college
weeklys claim that distinction. Its
function is to chronicle news events
in a manner which is authentic and in-
teresting and at the same time com-
plies as closely as possible with the
basic rules of journalism. It is some-
times necessary to depart from "the
King's English" to the extent of frac-
turing a long established principle of
composition in order to "put something
across" with emphasis. Local authori-
ties have held up their hands in horror
at what they term, insults to the pro-
fession," when some article has
appeared written up in sporting phrase-
ology with frequent use of slang ex-
pressions. Their objections would be
well founded if the Fiat made a pre-
tense of being anything but a college
newspaper.

The alumni department also comes
in for its share of discussion. The
20th Century Club, probably the most
active alumni organization, has re-
ported that its members are dissatis-
fied with the amount of attention they
have received this year. Until late in
the first semester the staff did not
include an alumni editor—not because
of the lack of effort to procure one,
but because repeated attempts to per-
suade someone to assume that re-
sponsibility were fruitless. This
year, four articles have been received
for publication from graduates. Two
have been printed and the others will
be. Students located at Alfred are
busy with college work and have little
opportunity to keep in touch with
alumni, most of them entire strangers
to the present student body. The or-
ganizations should each year select
one person to act as alumni editor and
the local staff will be only too glad
to publish any articles from that
source.

Finally, just try to imagine yourself
in the editor's circumstances and then,
if you have a vivid imagination, you
will get behind and help to push the
weekly publication up to its proper
place.

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Brothers Cryan and Daily bemoan the loss of one dollar and twenty cents.

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Pond had to read his Concrete Mixer the Emancipation Proclamation before he could get it to turn over.

Brother Swain is now selling Stay Put Hair Oil?

PI ALPHA PI PERSONALS

Mrs. Dora Deagen and Christine Clarke were dinner guests at the house on Wednesday.

Dorothy Gibson was a guest for dinner on Sunday.

Georgeola Whipple and Frances Wilkinson were guests at the house overnight on Friday.

Ada Mills spent the week-end with relatives in Hornell.

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the association grew by leaps and bounds. Secretaries were sent to help in industrial communities, dormitories were built, matrons secured, and a program of recreation and education planned that helped these girls to find their place in their new surroundings.

After the war much of this work was continued. It was found that what had been done in the war industries could be done in any factory, and so clubs and classes were continued until the Industrial department now occupies a position of prominence in the program of the Y. W. C. A.

The Industrial department here in Lynchburg has much the same history. It aims to give to any industrial or business girl or woman "the more abundant life" through physical, mental and spiritual development. Perhaps you will be most interested in that part of my work that touches student life. This year a course in "Citizenship" was offered, more or less as an experiment. We live in a college community and so were able to secure a college professor to give a series of five talks on the following subjects: "Operating a Voting Machine;" "Our Local Machinery;" "Turning the wheels at Richmond;" "Our Affairs in Washington, the Central Plant;" "The Whole Wide World and You" (this last on Internationalism.) Mrs. Sarah Lee Fain, one of Virginia's first assemblywomen, concluded the course with a talk on "The Woman Citizen." About a hundred young women completed the course and although the number is not large it is still the largest number that has been interested in this subject in Lynchburg.

Besides this course we have had for a number of years a Student-Industrial commission, made up of an equal number of industrial girls and students from the Randolph-Macon Woman's College "Y," which meets fortnightly to discuss some problem of mutual interest. This year we have followed the syllabus of questions published by the Council of Christian Associations on "International Problems and the Christian Way of Life." From it we have gained not only in knowledge of our subject but in knowledge of each other, social prejudices have been broken down and real friendships have been formed. Students are learning that factory workers have actual experience that is a valuable contribution to those who are thinking out social problems, and workers are learn-

ing the value of self expression and developing a finer sense of appreciation of the beautiful. And so the Industrial committee of the student associations and the Industrial department of the city associations are doing their part to help bring about the coming of Christ's kingdom on earth as expressed in the theme of the Industrial department for this year—"Oh, the glory of the years to be, I, too, would labor at their fashioning."

ANNA M. WALLACE, A. U. '14.

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE

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and F .0 against the 1924-1925 proposed offices A .8, B .7, C .5, D .3, E .2 First of all we maintain that the chief purpose of the merit system is not to distribute offices among more men but to compel those men engaged in outside activities to realize that such participation does not exonerate them from class room demands, and only indirectly is there distribution of offices.

We do not lose sight of the fact that mere scholastic standing does not make a true leader and we emphasize the demands for true leaders in any worthwhile organization. We do not forget that in as much as the Registrar's gage does not measure the value of outside activities in terms of school credit, it ought not measure the value of outside activities in terms of an index too minutely. Nor do we overlook the fact that there is time spent in pursuit of pleasure which cannot be indexed. Here, the merit system has no jurisdiction and therefore no obligation.

We do not protest against any merit system that is consistent with a fair estimate of what index a man engaged in outside activities should have, but we consider that the suggested increase in index requirements would be an unfair estimate. We cannot disregard the vital place that athletics have in our University. Whether or not it is wrong that educational institutions should stress this branch of activity as an advertisement we will not argue. The fact remains that they do so. The fact also remains that we do not give athletes special preference at Alfred but this is no excuse to compel a freshman, whom we need on our football team to obtain .5 for an index, while his green capped brother could roam the autumn woods with a fair companion and snicker by with a . . . o standing. Such a state of affairs is not consistent with our idea of fair play, which, by the way, is a phrase from the gridiron vocabulary.

In concluding our space-limited defense of the present merit system, we must bring attention to the admission of a student senator that the indices were not obtained last fall till the end of football season, due to the fact there was necessary delay in enforcing an entirely new system, and difficulty in getting any official office index before mid-semesters. Had such in-

dices been obtained the football team would have lost several men who were in action late in November. If the present system had been strictly enforced last fall it would have wounded the season but if the suggested system is strictly enforced, next fall it will paralyze the season. Before we decide to legislate any new canons it is only proper that we give the old ones a fair trial, and before we decide to do more harm than good, we had better follow the old adage and "let well enough alone."

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