INAUGURATION OF DR. FINLEY

On Friday, Jan. 2, President Davis represented Alfred University at the inauguration of Dr. John Huston Finley as President of the University of the State of New York and State Commissioner of Education. Dr. Finley, who has been President of the College of the City of New York and professor of Economics at Princeton University, has a fine record as an educator, administrative officer and scholar.

Pres. Davis' speech of congratulation in behalf of Alfred University was as follows:

Mr. Chancellor, Alfred University brings cordial congratulations and sincere good wishes to the Regents of the University of the State of New York and to the distinguished educator who today is formally inducted into the office of President of the University of the State of New York and State Commissioner of Education. Alfred pledges to the new Commissioner hearty sympathy, cooperation and devotion. We pray that, under his wise and high leadership, education in the Empire State may continue the forward march in which it has already made an honorable record.

The high character of the Commissioner, his wide learning and his human sympathy make prophecy for achievement in character for the youth of this state for which every good citizen hopes and labors.

ASSEMBLY ADDRESS

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1914

Professor Montgomery, of the State School of Ceramics, spoke most interestingly at the assembly last Wednesday upon the subject of Applied Science, citing especially instances of the value of scientific experiment and research in commerce, and pointing out the immense field which is open to such effort.

AG JUNIOR SLEIGHRIDE

The Junior class of the Ag School enjoyed a sleighride to Almond on Thursday night of last week. The evening was a pleasant one and the fine sleighing made the ride a very enjoyable one to the goodly number of Juniors. At Almond the party danced in the town hall until about eleven o'clock when a supper was served at the hotel. After supper short toasts were given by President 'Judge' Thiel, Prof. Meade, Miss Cheeseman and Mr. Button. Pres. Thiel commended the good work of the committee who arranged the affair in so short a time. He also welcomed the few Seniors who were present, referring to the friendly spirit between the classes. Pres. Thiel expressed his regret that a few Juniors were unable to be present on account of the shortness of time in which the ride was planned.

At about midnight the class started on the return trip feeling that their first social event had been a great success.

The Stillman Orchestra of this place furnished the music for the dancing.

NEW YORK STATE FRUIT GROWERS

Director Wright was in Rochester last week attending a meeting of the New York State Fruit Growers' Association. This is the old original Horticultural Society of the State, and according to the Secretary's report, has a total of 1293 members. Three meetings are held during the year—a January meeting at Rochester, a February meeting at Poughkeepsie, and a summer meeting at some fruit section in the State. Next summer's meeting will be held at Plattsburg.

THE COLLEGE CATALOGS

The College catalog for 1913-14 is in the process of printing at the Sun Office.

ALFRED ALUMNI AT SYRACUSE

On Dec. 30, there was held in Syracuse in connection with the Associated Academic Principals' Conference and Science Teachers' Association, a dinner for Alfred Alumni, at the Hotel Jefferson, at which twenty-five were present. After a social hour and reunion an enjoyable dinner, a few brief addresses were made. Alfred cheers were given and college songs sung. The Syracuse Branch of the Alfred Alumni Association was reorganized, by the election of Dr. Winfred Potter (1900) as president, and Prof. S. B. Everts (1903) of the Technical High School, Syracuse, was elected secretary.

The following were present:

President B. C. Davis, Prof. James Bemehoff, Prof. Waldo Tutsworth, Prof. George A. Poe, Prin. H. L. Gillis, Clarence Todd, Harry Langworthy, George Place, A. J. Williams, Frank Shaw, A. E. Stukely, W. S. Maxson, James Craw, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke, Dr. Winfred Potter, S. B. Everts, R. E. Brown, C. D. Lar-kin, D. H. Childs, Wm. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Cole (Grace Parsons), Judge Clarence Willis, B. D. Straight, Floyd E. Gilbert.

Harry Langworthy (1907) and Burr D. Straight (1903) acted as Committee on Arrangements.

KANSAS CITY CONVENTION

C. Starr Barker, Robert Green and Susan Hooker of the College, and Clyde Ehret and L. O. Greene of the Seminary, delegates to the Student Volunteer Convention at Kansas City, returned to school on Tuesday morning. They report a very successful trip and a remarkable meeting of Christian leaders and workers from all over the world. A full account of the convention will be given next week.

PROF. E. T. MONTGOMERY

Prof. Earle T. Montgomery of the Ceramics School, who gave the chapel address of Jan. 7, is the only new teacher on the faculty this year.

He was born at Gallipolis, Ohio, June 11, 1884 and was educated in the public school of Binghamton, N. Y., and of Columbus, Ohio. In 1903 he entered Ohio State University and was graduated in 1907 with the degree of "Engineer of Mines in Ceramics."

He has had much varied experience in the work of ceramics. From 1907 to 1910, he was factory superintendent for the Wirt Manufacturing Co. Burrage, Massachusetts, manufacturers of electrical porcelain. For the college year 1910-11, he was Instructor in Ceramics, Department of Ceramic Engineering, University of Illinois.

From 1911-1913 Prof. Montgomery was in the Clay Products Section of the United States Bureau of Standards at the Pittsburg Laboratory; first as Laboratory Assistant and later as Assistant Ceramic Chemist.

In September, 1913, he accepted his present position as Assistant Professor of Ceramics in the New York State School of Clay-Working and Ceramics. He is the author of a number of technologe papers, published by the Bureau of Standards as well as papers published in The Transactions of the American Ceramic Society of which he is a member. The State School is fortunate in securing a professor of such ability and experience.

THE WEEKLY CONSTITUTION

The new constitution of the Fiat Lux was presented to the Ag student body last Wednesday morning at assembly period. It was adopted as a whole without any discussion. This was certainly a compliment to the work of the constitutional committee.
LEADERSHIP

Plenty of young men are willing to follow; but too few know how or at any rate are willing to lead in even ordinary affairs.

Assuming that every young man is willing to strive to be successful, what more natural and direct course is there for him to pursue, than to seek to acquire the leadership quality, which will, more than any other one thing, assist him toward the desired end?

A large degree of leadership may be developed among the members of N. Y. S. A. if they will answer calls for help in the conduct of the varied work of “Our School” and societies.

The young men who hold themselves ready and willing at all times to accept chances for leadership, even in a minor way at first, have solved one of the greatest problems of the race for success in which they will be called upon to participate in the business or professional world.

Some people are born leaders, but these are few. Others may have leadership thrust upon them, but these cases are insignificant. The vast majority of those who attain leadership earn it. Start the New Year right and be ready when you are honored with an opportunity to accomplish something for the school whose benefits you enjoy.

PRESS CLUB ACTIVE

The University Press Club, the youngest of our student activities, has shown itself to be a lusty infant, and is meeting with unusual success in its work. The opportunities for publicity for the school and for individuals have been more numerous than the staff had expected, and the amount of news-copy sent out has been much larger than was estimated. The most gratifying feature of the project is the warm support and co-operation extended by the students and authorities of the University. Without the kindly and very material assistance which President Davis has given, the Club would have been very seriously hampered in its work, while the students have shown uniformly a most helpful and cordial interest.

The news-articles which are sent out are the kind of copy that editors are always eager to get, and without exception, have been printed promptly and in full. Many students, doubtless, discovered during the Christmas vacation that their college-careers are of much more interest to their fellow-townsmen than they had supposed. Nine times out of ten these successes and achievements of college life would never be chronicled in the home paper were it not for the Press Club. Of course the other aim of the Club, to aid in calling the attention of high school students to Alfred University as a potential Alma Mater, has not been worked out so fully as yet, owing to the short time that the Club has been in existence, and the labor necessary in the bare details of organization, but at least one instance has come to notice already, in which a Press Club article was instrumental in interesting a senior of a city high school in the course offered by the Ceramic School. The members expect to enlarge the scope of the work extensively during the rest of the year.

If a man cannot improve himself, how can he improve others? When we see noble men we should think of equaling them. Only he who has the most complete sincerity under heaven can transform and inspire others.
N. Y. S. A. CAMPUS

Ward Goble of Cameron Mills will not return to N. Y. S. A. this semester.

Wm. Thornton and Benjamin Allen visited in this place during the holidays.

Luther Plummer did not resume his studies this January on account of the sickness of his mother.

The following Juniors have joined the Senior class: Sardeson, Bowles, Janssen, Marquard, Miss Higley.

This morning the thermometer registered 16 degrees below zero, the coldest weather recorded yet this year.

Harold Howard and Harry Blackmore are new members of the R. I. U., filling the vacancies made by Morey and Goble.

The Freshman class is in a rather dilapidated condition. The only class officer left them is the vice president and he is confined on account of measles.

On account of measles and other sickness the following have not returned to their school duties yet: Robinson, Leeworthy, Toland, Ormsby, Claney, Karr.

Mr. Bowles, who has become a senior, has resigned the office of secretary of the Junior class and also as Junior class member of the Student Senate. He very kindly consented to continue his duties as N. Y. S. A. manager of the Canakadea. The Junior class is very sorry to lose this prominent member, but their best regards go with him.

COUNTRY LIFE CLUB

The Country Life Club was very poorly attended Thursday night. In the business meeting at which Vice President Peet presided, the matter of amending the constitution was laid on the table for one week. The time for the Country Life Club Potato Show was set for Thursday night, February 19. After the business session the first three sections were invited to the fourth floor where a very interesting program was rendered, chiefly by the young ladies.

NEW STUDENTS

The following are the new students in N. Y. S. A. who began work this January:

Wm. Hoefler, Geneva
Arthur Booth, Belfast
Fredrick Internan, New York City
Calvin Lyon, Alfred
Alexander McLeod, Buffalo
Vincent Sheridan, Richmond Hill
Miss Eleanor Smith, Alfred
The Fiat Lux extends hearty greetings to you.

NEW SECRETARY AT THE CERAMIC SCHOOL

Miss Nellie Swain of Olean, N. Y., has been secured to fill the position of Secretary to Director Binn of the State School, left vacant by the resignation of Miss Mable Stevens. Miss Swain, who has for some time been secretary to the Principal of Olean High School, is admirably fitted for the secretaryship here.

“THE SPOKEN WORD”

The second-semester course, “The Spoken Word,” already announced by the English Department, is thus described in the College Catalogue of 1913-1914—“A course for everyone who desires to speak with simple, forceful correctness; practice in pronunciation, enunciation, practical voice placement, modulation; attempt to correct common errors of speech; a discussion of modern literary movements; papers to be presented on various vital problems. One hour.” The primary aim of the course is to meet the needs of students who are not interested in an extensive study of English—who take, possibly, no elective work in the department, but who, nevertheless, wish to avoid common, atrocious mistakes in the everyday use of the English language. The course should also be of value to students who desire to supplement their study of literature by the important study and practice of self-expression.

CHINESE WOMEN AT THEATERS

In order to prevent trouble the various Chinese theaters and musical houses are not permitted to sell tickets to Chinese visitors with their women folk. But as there are some foreigners who wish to hear Chinese singing and music and always buy tickets for their wives and female friends and refuse to observe this rule, the owners of the musical houses and theaters petitioned the police about the matter. In reply the chief of the police said that as foreign men and women enjoy equal rights in their own countries and are permitted to make friends with each other without restriction they should not be treated in the same way as Chinese women and girls, so the owners are permitted to allow foreign women theater goers to sit together with their male friends, but Chinese females are still not allowed to enjoy the same privilege.

GERMAN CLUB

There will be no meeting of the German Club this week. See next week’s Fiat Lux for time of next meeting.
Good coasting on Chapel Hill.

Miss Susan Hooker was confined to the house last week by illness.

The K. K. K. entertained Prof. W. A. Titsworth at dinner on Sunday.

I. Andrew Kruson, business manager of the Fiat Lux, was in Hornell, Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Barron was called to her home in Addison, Friday by the illness of her mother.

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Dear Ross:—

As you go out from home for the first time, into a world of pleasure and work, I'd like to give you a little advice. There are many things you will find out for yourself that I might make easier by speaking of them now. But it is better for each man to fight out his own battles and build up his own ideals. However I do think I shall warn you about your habits.

From the time you were a little lad, your mother and I have made it our chief aim in life to help you develop good, clean strong habits. Sometimes it seemed a thankless task, but she always held fast and I at least am satisfied with the results.

But the days of your boyhood are over and now you alone must make your habits.

Habit is a big thing whether developed for good or ill. And sometime in life you will feel the effects of the little habits which you now, almost unconsciously, are forming.

Do you remember, son, when the suspension bridge was put across the Sound, and you wondered how they could ever get it from one side to the other? And do you remember how the problem was solved, first the little kite-string, then a cord, a heavier rope, and at last the strong cables that were to hold up the bridge? Well habit is much like that at first, it is such a small thing, easily broken, but soon it connects up into larger and stronger habits until it becomes as the chain which God alone can sever.

I have been through it all, my son, my habits are not all that I would have them, but there is one consolation even in that, for when we have learned what we do not like, we can go ahead building good habits which will endure through eternity.

It seems like a big thing, does it not? Almost too big to think we must all be answerable for the little things we do, and the little habits we form now, but it is so.

And when at last you are called up before the Divine Judge, you know not how soon it will be, and all of your virtues and faults are brought up before you, may there be no habit there which you will be ashamed to own.

Ever your affectionate,
FATHER.
THE JOHN ROGERS BIBLE

Compiled by Prof. E. M. Tomlinson

Letters of inquiry are frequently received from parties in different sections of the country concerning the "John Rogers Bible," a book which, for some years, has been carefully preserved in the Library of Alfred University. The following information concerning the Bible has been compiled chiefly from the book itself. Written on inside of cover is the following:

"The chapters are divided (as) in King James' version, but they have no division into verses, capital letters in the margin indicating the commencement of paragraphs as they occur in each chapter. In various parts of the book we find brief notes and memorandum by different persons relative to its carefully cherished and authentic history.

"This venerable book, by a careful comparison with a number of ancient copies in the Library of Yale College at New Haven, is ascertained by antiquarians to have been printed in 1539, the date of the title page, a few of the first and last leaves have been lost, the book having been twice rebound. It is printed in the large, full, ancient German Text, with ornamental initials to a portion of the chapters, and a few marginal references.

"The book itself is a small, thick quarto, containing the New Testament, the Psalms, and a portion of the Library of the Protestant Church at that time. The title page, a few of the first and last leaves have been lost, the book having been twice rebound. It is printed in the large, full, ancient German Text, with ornamental initials to a portion of the chapters, and a few marginal references.

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"This Bible has been most religiously cherished in this family about 100 years, and is now the property of Mrs. Saunders, niece of the late Miss Polly Potter, of Potter Hill, R. I. It has been confided for a short time, as a precious relic, to Capt. Daniel Rogers, of this city, by whose indefatigable antiquarian genealogical researches its historical connection with every family through which it has passed has been fully established back through the descendants of the former owner, James Rogers, who came to America in 1653, as above stated."

UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

The University Faculty will hold its annual monthly meeting at the Carnegie Library, Tuesday evening, January 13, at 8.15 o'clock. The discussion will be led by Miss Gambrill on the subject, "Methods of Instruction."

EXTENSION WORK

Pres. Davis and Director Wright spent Monday in Ithaca, N. Y., in conference with the authorities there in regard to Extension Work in this part of the state.

Our advertisers deserve your patronage.
As ever, Juan stood upright and fearless before the chief and awaited his doom, and Heranamo spoke:

"The pup then will not obey the snake spirit and do the dance. See, he looks hot and uncomfortable. Create some snow, such as falls on the dink peaks of Cowashe and Shewon, when the frost spirit comes, and make cold your brow. If, when the red sun peeps up over the plains on the morrow, you have not procured a ball of snow, you die by the serpent on yonder pole. Go, ride where you will, but return with the snow ball ere sunrise."

He ceased speaking. A hush fell over the crowd. Some looked at the lad with pitying, sympathetic glances, others with cynical grins. Here was a prospect of savage, cruel enjoyment on the morrow. Once more the mob burst into hideous shouts. The festivities continued. And Juan left the place alone, the squaws whispering words of sympathy as he strode through the bushes down the river bank.

He walked swiftly to get beyond the noise of the tumult. After a time he came to an enclosed spot upon the bank of the river. Here he stopped and sat down upon a log to think. It was all strange, these Indians with their peculiar ways, their belief, and most of all their chief. What a mission to be sent on—searching a ball of snow when there was no snow for miles and miles around! And he thought of his home up in the mountains where snow fell was common,—he thought of his father, of his mother, and of Juanita,—where was Juanita now? Ah, he must not lose his life now. Could he not escape, that was his only hope, for the snow could not be obtained. But he had attempted to run away before, and it had been useless. It was worse than hopeless this time, for by this time, the story of the doomed Juan had traveled far and wide. And he thought of the great spirit his people worshipped. This spirit was good, and had helped him before. Why could it not help him now? He fell upon the earth, face downward and prayed as he had never done before for deliverance, how, he could not think, but there must be a way.

He lay in this way till the sun went down, a hazy red ball over the hill tops. He was tired of thinking and making plans that were impossible. He crawled up under a shadowy branch of a drooping iron-wood and leaned his head against a mossy stone. What if Heranamo should become hasty in his desire for blood and not wait for morning. The festivity must be at its height now at sunset. Then things grew still more hazy—he was asleep.

That night, in the valley of the secluded river in Arizona, a strange thing happened. For the first time in the history of the place, it began to snow, and it kept on snowing, till the ground everywhere was white. Heranamo crawled forth from his wig-wam the next morning, the same savage grin playing about his face, to see a white, almost unknown world lying before him. And as the crystals of snow set the first rays of the red sun gleaming and dancing merrily, the Indian lad from the distant tribe appeared before the chief, a ball of snow in his hand. Heranamo looked into his shining face but once, long and keenly. Then with a frightened gesture, he said the one word, "Go!"

The chief of the Apache tribe was silenced.

DR. THOMAS WORLD'S PEACE PRIZE

The preliminaries in the "Dr. Thomas World's Peace Prize Contest" will be held today, January 13. A large number of contestants are expected. "The Dr. Thomas World's Peace Prize Contest" was founded in 1912, by Mrs. Vandelia Varnum Thomas, an alumna of Alfred University in memory of her husband. It is open to Sophomores and Juniors of both sexes. The first prize is $50, the second $25, in gold. The final contest, which this year will be held early in February, can be between only six contestants. The papers of the last contest are to be published in some paper or magazine.

The contest is under the direction of Miss Myrta A. Little of the English Department.
LYCEUM COLUMN

Owing to the number of the Odd Fellows’ Entertainment Course, the lyceums did not hold their regular meetings on Saturday night. The initiation of the new members of the Athenaeum Lyceum will be held Saturday evening, January 24.

The Athenaeans will give a banquet in honor of their new members, on Saturday evening, Jan. 24.

The Orophilians will entertain the Athenaeans at the Oro room, Saturday evening, Jan. 17.

In this season just before mid-winter, there is always a tendency to neglect lyceum. If the lyceum is of any value to us, as students, let us work earnestly and steadily now as at any time.

SEMINAR IN POETRY

At the meeting of the Seminar in European Poetry on Thursday evening, Jan. 8, Aaron Coon read an exhaustive paper on “Italian Poetry.” He traced its rise and development from Dante down to modern times, illustrating with readings from different authors. Short reports were given by other members of the class.

It was decided to devote another evening to this topic, the time available Thursday evening proving insufficient for a comprehensive study of so broad a field. At the next meeting, Jan. 22, reports on the more prominent poets will be read and Miss Little will speak upon “Italian Poetic Drama.”

Y. M. C. A.

Barker and Greene Speak

Sunday evening the Y. M. C. A. held its meeting in Kenyon Memorial Hall. The Agricultural boys were invited to hear the speaking. The attendance was very good.

Robert Greene, a delegate to the Kansas City Convention, gave an interesting discussion on “Reasons for not joining a Mission Study Class.” He gave twelve reasons and concluded by asking that each one analyze himself to see what his reason may be. The Association Mission Study will be glad to welcome any additions to its number, college men or others.

Starr Barker talked on his impressions of the Convention. His words rang with enthusiasm and sincerity. “The world has a great need for workers; are we going to let that call go unheeded? Every man makes his mark in the world; is yours going to be a minus or a plus sign? Mr. Barker announced that he had signed a Student Volunteer card, which means that he will accept the first call to mission work that comes to him. Such facts bring home to us the seriousness and magnitude of mission work and the place which Young Women’s and Young Men’s Christian Associations hold in the forwarding of Christianity.

You fellows who have not joined the Y. M. C. A.—we would be very glad to have you attend our meetings and, if you care to do so, become members.

Next week the Association will meet with the I. P. A. at Kenyon Memorial Hall.

LIBRARY NOTES

Valuable Books Added

The library has received a new order of books covering fiction, education, religion, etc. Following are some of the more important:

Ward and Waller—Cambridge history English literature
Maekaye—Civil theatre
Bryant—Best stories to tell children
Hanus—School Efficiency
Bryce—University and historical addresses

Y. W. C. A.

The first regular meeting since vacation was held Sunday evening. Miss Eva Williams led an interesting discussion on the practical subject, “Frankness.” Many of the unpleasant things in life are due to a lack of frankness. The child who is frank with its parents has learned a valuable lesson for life. During school days the girl frank with her friends has more and better friends.

Miss Clara French read an excellent letter from an alumna member, Miss Elva Payne. Such letters are always most welcome, and help us appreciate more fully our present opportunities.

CLEARING SALE

It’s not our charitable disposition that induces us to sell Clothing and Furnishings at a loss this time of year! We’re simply pursuing a sensible business policy! We’ve determined to have bright, fresh new stocks at the commencement of the Spring Season—that’s all.

This is the Season of the Year for our Great Clearance Sale. We Never Carry Stock from one Season to the Next—Hence these Sales!

Men’s, Boys’ and Children’s Outfitting will be sold at prices that will pack our Store with Eager Buyers. A Sale you can’t afford to miss.

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