



N. Y. S. A. OPENS

Large Enrollment of Freshmen--President Davis Gives First Chapel Address

On Monday of last week the Agricultural School opened its doors to receive, in all probability, the largest number of students in its history. The present war has evidently had no effect on the incoming class as over sixty new students have, up to the present time, enrolled in the different departments for the school year. Practically all the old students in the other two classes have returned, which speaks well for the popularity of the courses of instruction offered. A notable fact is that a comparatively large number of High School graduates have entered for the regular two-year courses.

All of last year's faculty, with but two exceptions, have returned. Prof. Blanchard of the woodworking department has resigned and his position has been filled by Mr. Whitford, a graduate of Alfred University.

Ivan Fisk, A. U., '14, is the new physical director in the place of Prof. Colton.

One new instructor has been added to the faculty. Miss Madelia H. Tuttle is to teach History and Parliamentary Law, and is also to assist students in the preparation of programs for the literary societies.

The first chapel address was given by Pres. Davis on Thursday morning at the regular chapel period. Pres. Davis, after the usual opening exercises, spoke upon "Two Ideals of Education." His advice to the student body as a whole and especially to the new students should be appreciated.

Emphasis was placed upon the following, and a plea was made that they be combined in the Agricultural School:

- 1st, self-control for the individual student.
- 2d, adoption of the honor system.
- 3d, self-government among the students.

MASS MEETING

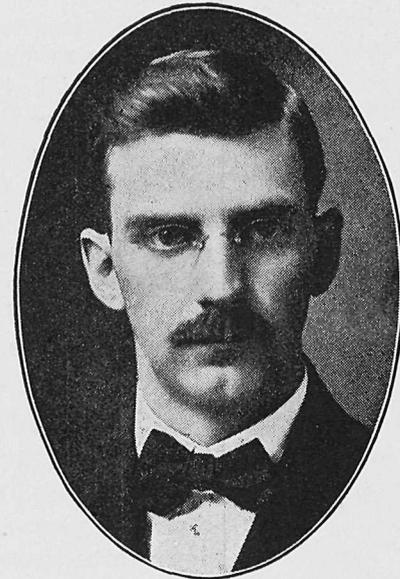
The mass meeting held last Wednesday evening in Memorial Hall was one of the "livest" events of its kind that has occurred in several years. A very great deal of spirit was shown and the college songs and yells were given with a vigor that manifested the real enthusiasm back of them. Captain Buck, Manager Crawford, Coach Farr, Assistant Coach Smith, "Doc" Howe, "Mid" Taber and "Jimmy" were the speakers and all of them said something, especially "Schmitty."

BOX SOCIAL

In spite of the small attendance at the box social last Thursday evening, about \$60 was cleared for the association. A large part of this sum came from the sale of the boxes, the various booths being but slightly patronized.

FOOTLIGHT MEETING

The Footlight Club will meet on Tuesday, October 20th, at 8 P. M., to elect officers for this year. It is important that all members be present.



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VARSITY 49—GENESEO 6

Varsity Defeats Normals in Great Game

The Varsity hung up their second victory of the season Friday afternoon when they cleaned up the Geneseo Normal to the tune of 49—6. Contrary to general opinion Geneseo was not outweighed but averaged the same, man for man, as the Varsity. For Geneseo, Heller and Leonard were the stars, while Marrow and Cahill played fast football. The visitors' touchdown came in the second quarter, after Marrow had made 30 yards around left end. Heller received a forward pass and went over the line for the touchdown.

The Varsity scored on line bucks and long runs. The interference

of the back field was exceptional, and time after time, Bliss and Crawford behind almost perfect interference skirted the ends for long gains. The goal kicking of Bliss was a feature.

The game was played as follows:

Leonard kicked off to Buck on the ten yard line and the game was on. Bliss made ten yards, Buck added ten more and Crawford skirted the end for thirty. Maure fumbled on his first play, Geneseo recovering. Geneseo was thrown back twice for losses. Alfred intercepted a pass and started up the field. Bliss plugged the line for five yards, Buck skinned the tackle for five, Maure added 4 yards. Geneseo was continually off-side and lost four yards. On the next play Buck carried

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the ball over and Bliss kicked the goal.

Geneseo chose to receive and advanced four yards. On a series of line bucks by Leonard the visitors made first down. Lewis made a yard thru tackle. Heller made three yards and the Varsity took the ball on downs. Bliss tore off 15 yards. Maure slipped thru for 20. Geneseo was again penalized for off-side play. Crawford went around right end for 10 yards and a touchdown. Bliss kicked the goal. King kicked to Geneseo on her five yard line. Leonard advanced the ball 25 yds. Geneseo made three first downs, but the Varsity line held and the quarter ended with the ball in mid-field.

Second Quarter

Geneseo was unable to gain and punted to Bliss who was downed in his tracks. Crawford made 40 yards around right end. Bliss and Buck gained, Bliss carrying the ball over the line. Bliss kicked the goal.

Geneseo again received on their 20 yard line, Leonard advancing the ball twenty yards. A forward pass netted 20 yards and on a second try King intercepted the pass, Bliss catching it, and he ran 60 yards for the touchdown. The goal was kicked.

The kickoff was returned ten yards. Geneseo made two first downs. Marrow took 30 yards around left end. Cahill made five more. On the next play Heller caught a forward pass and went over the line for a touchdown.

Griffiths returned the kickoff twenty yards. A forward to Buck made nine, Crawford made twenty yards around end and the half ended.

Score 28—6.

Third Quarter

Griffiths took Maure's place in the back-field. Pitts went in at tackle and Janes took end. Geneseo received and Leonard advanced. Morrow made 20 yards, through skin tackle. Crawford intercepted a forward pass and advanced 20 yards. Bliss plugged through guard for 8 yards. Griffiths made 30 yards through skin

tackle. Griffiths tore off 5 yards, then 4 yards and on the next play carried the ball over the line. Bliss kicked a hard goal. Geneseo again received on their 10 yard line and Leonard, the Normal's best bet, carried the ball back 25 yards. They could not make first down and lost the ball. Crawford slipped around end with splendid interference for 40 yards. Griffiths plugged through for 8 yards and Bliss carried the ball over for his third touchdown of the game. He kicked his own goal.

Geneseo received but could not gain and kicked to Bliss on the Varsity's 30 yard line. Crawford made 30 yards. Griffiths hit the line for four and Buck went through for the last score of the game. Bliss again kicked the goal. Geneseo received but could not advance and was thrown for loss three times. Score 49—6.

Fourth Quarter

Crawford was thrown back for a 15 yard loss. On the next play, Geneseo secured the ball by intercepting a pass. They made first down three times on line plunges by Leonard.

The Varsity secured the ball on an attempted forward pass and Bliss punted out of danger. Geneseo returned the punt and Crawford fumbled on the 10 yard line. Bliss got away for forty yards. Crawford duplicated. Buck made two yards, Maure tore off 7 and Geneseo held for downs. They lined up for play when the whistle blew with the ball on their 10 yard line.

The line up:

	L. E.	Chapel
Pitts	L. T.	Bassage
Griffiths	L. G.	Voorhees
Bowman	C.	Jones
Perkins	R. G.	Bennett
Beltz	R. T.	Werner
Smith	R. E.	Heller
King	Q. B.	Cahill
Crawford	L. H.	Morrow
Maure	R. H.	Lewis
Bliss	F. B.	Leonard
Buck (Capt.)		

Referee—Champlin.

Umpire—Howe.

Head Linesman—Vars.

Time keepers—Fisk, Alfred; Zearfross, Geneseo.

Time of Quarters—fifteen minutes.

Substitutes, Varsity—Ely for Beltz, Bowman for Griffiths, Griffiths for Maure, Hopkins for Kenyon, Maure for Bliss, Pitts for Smith, Janes for Pitts, Kenyon for Bowman.

NEW COLLEGE SPORT

Rifle shooting as a college sport is rapidly gaining prominence among the universities of the country. The government is backing up the sport strongly and Congress has recently passed an act authorizing the free issue of ammunition to college and university rifle clubs.

Forty-two colleges at present have well organized rifle teams. The annual competition for college teams is now being arranged for the indoor season. These matches are shot on indoor ranges with 22 calibre rifles. The championship for 1914 was won by the Michigan "Aggies" and the outdoor championship was won by the Mass. "Aggies."—Ex.

SYRACUSE STUDENTS DO PRACTICAL WORK IN SOCIOLOGY

Syracuse University supports a settlement house on Greene St., of that city where the youngsters of the neighborhood are given opportunity for play ground and gymnasium work. Special classes are conducted for boys over sixteen and the girls have classes in gymnasium, kindergarten, sewing, elocution, cooking and story telling, according to their various ages. This work is in charge of students making a specialty of sociological and educational study, and furnishes an excellent opportunity for practical experimentation. At least two entertainments are given during the year, one just before Christmas and another in May, shortly before the closing of the house, and in addition to the regular work a class of fifteen young ladies will make, this year, a house to house canvass to interest parents in the work.

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AG SCHOOL COUNTRY LIFE CLUB RECEPTION

Last Wednesday evening, the Country Life Club gave its annual reception to new students. Each guest was labeled with his name, and an hour was spent in getting acquainted. Light refreshments were served after which all adjourned to the Assembly Hall.

The president of the club, Mr. Stout, after welcoming the new students, introduced Pres. Davis. The Agricultural students always expect something good from Pres. Davis, and they were not disappointed in his speech on this occasion.

Next Director Wright assured the students of the sympathetic interest that the faculty have in them and are ready to show in every possible way.

Miss Cheesman represented the Department of Home Economics, and welcomed the students to the good times to be had on the third floor.

Prof. Place led in the singing of school songs and after some of the lusty yells which the Aggies know how to give, the gathering broke up.

R. I. U. ORGANIZES

With the opening of the Ag School the R. I. U. Club has started its fourth season as the best co-operative boarding club in Alfred. Harold Howard is manager for this year, and "Judge" Thiel is treasurer. We are glad to welcome as new members this fall: Messrs. Humphrey, Withey, Tumis, Post, Pickins and Woodruff.

GRANGE RECEPTION TO N. Y. S. A.

On Saturday evening, Oct. 10th, the Alfred Grange entertained the faculty and students of the Agricultural School. The guests were welcomed by the Worthy Master, Glenn Burdick, after which a short program was given. Mrs. W. J. Wright sang "A Perfect Day" in her usual charming manner and responded to an encore with "A China Tragedy." Director Wright was then called on for a talk in which he emphasized the hearty co-operation which exists between the Grange and the School of Agriculture. The program closed with a whistling solo and encore by Miss Bessie Kenyon, accompanied by Mrs. Irving Jones at the piano.

A half hour of getting acquainted followed, after which light refreshments were served in the dining room. A few school songs and games after supper completed the evening's entertainment which was heartily enjoyed by all.

AG FOOTBALL

The Ag School, again in her stride of school activities, brings forth many new faces, especially on the football field. Promising material can be seen in action and there is no doubt but the team will soon be in shape to compete with the best of them.

The first call for candidates brought out about twenty men. There are some very good men among these and they will work into vacancies caused by graduation.

Corning, Salamanca, Hornell and other teams will journey to Alfred and try to carry back the laurels but if the Ag spirit still runs high, as no doubt it will, the visitors will return with victory blotted out of their hall of fame.

Under the direction of Mr. Fisk and faithful practice by the squad, this year's team should have a very successful season.

The schedule:

Oct. 23, Hornell at Alfred

Oct. 30, Pending

Nov. 6, Salamanca at Alfred

Nov. 12, Alfred at Eldred

Nov. 20, Corning at Alfred

Nov. 26, Alfred at Hornell.

SENIORS ORGANIZE

The N. Y. S. A. senior class organized last Thursday and the following officers were elected: Pres., Paul L. Green; Vice Pres., Cleo Williams; Sec., Hazel Baker; Treas., Lawrence Cornwall.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Thiel, last year's Junior president, who gave up the chair to Mr. Green upon his election as his successor. After the election a short business meeting was held during which several committees were appointed to "start things moving."

CERAMIC NOTES

On October 3, Prof. Montgomery visited the Clermont Sewerpipe Co., at Clermont, Pa. This company manufactures conduits which are used in the laying of cable underground. T. D. Tefft, '13, is head burner for the company.

Prof. Montgomery also visited the plant of the Kuskequa Ceramic Co. at Kuskequa, Pa. This company manufactures promenade and quarry floor tile. Seventy-five per cent of the tile business in New York City is supplied by this firm.

On October 4, Prof. Montgomery visited the plant of the Ridgeway Brick Co. at Ridgeway, Pa., which is operated by Fiske & Co., manufacturers of the well known "tapestry" brick. Forrest Tefft, '13, is superintendent of the plant.

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The influx of Agricultural students has livened up the campus and the town in general to a very appreciable extent. We are glad to see you.

The 'Varsity appreciated the support of N. Y. S. A. on the field last Friday. University spirit is picking up. This is as it should be. Let the college reciprocate.

The World Series is on and the whole country is watching the games with as much interest as the European nations watch the struggle going on in their countries.

Geneseo gave us a little harder rub than Chamberlain, but the results of this game augur well for the big ones. The rooting was a trifle more enthusiastic than it has been, though there is still room for improvement.

Stay to the Student Body meetings after Assembly. The president usually has a good reason for calling these meetings. Every student ought to be there to help transact the business and besides, a general exodus during the proceedings is most disturbing.

The results of the mass meeting Wednesday night certainly showed up at the game Friday. It's a good idea; let's keep it up.

It seems that this is an age of ruthless, reckless contempt of all that represents antiquity. Why should we demoralize, tear down or in any way disfigure the carefully preserved relics of past history?

We have lately witnessed the obscuration of a monument to Alfred University's past powers upon the football arena. Many and many a time have we walked past this afore mentioned signboard and with tear dimmed eyes read and re-read the announcement—A-12, B-0. Why, oh why, must this proof of strength and conquest be thus obliterated with one fell swoop of the paint brush? "Foul, foul," sped the bristled instrument of art which forever erased these time-honored symbols from the envious, admiring gaze of each on-coming football team. That score has for eons set a mark for the aim of each hopeful eleven. It has inspired our college with prospects of a successful football season at the beginning of each college year. Alas, Alack! We suppose we must resign ourselves to our time and our customs and call memory to our aid in keeping before our eyes the record

A 12—B 0.

COLLEGE ASSEMBLY

The first College Assembly of the year will be held in Firemens Hall, Wednesday evening, Oct. 14, 1914. Programs will be distributed at 8 o'clock, and dancing will continue until 12 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the Rice Orchestra of Hornell. All students of the College and Agricultural School are invited to be present.

The committee in charge is: M. G. Babcock, '15, P. W. Burdick, '15, E. L. Burdick, '16, R. A. Greene, '16.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are indebted this week for Ceramic notes to George Blumenthal, '17, who will act as a staff reporter this year.

TRUSTEE MEETING

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alfred University on October 2d, it was voted that at the beginning of the school year of 1915-1916, the incidental fee be increased \$5 per semester. This will make the tuition and incidental fee \$30 per semester or \$60 per year.

The tuition and incidental fees at Alfred University at \$60 will still be the lowest of any degree conferring college in the state.

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Cornell (A. and S. course)—\$100

Union—\$104.

Syracuse (A. and S. course)—\$108.

University of Rochester—\$111.

Lake Erie (Ohio)—\$125.

Elmira—\$150.

Vassar—\$150.

Mt. Holyoke (Mass.)—\$150.

Harvard (Mass.)—\$150.

Yale (Conn.)—\$160.

Columbia—\$175.

ASSEMBLY ADDRESS

The Assembly Address last week was given by Mr. Fisk, who made his debut as a faculty speaker. Mr. Fisk's address took the form of a study of the physical make-up of the average common soldier in the armies of the European countries involved in the present great struggle and furnished a most interesting side-light upon their characteristics.

ALUMNI

Albertine Almy, '12, of Buffalo spent the week-end in town.

Adelene Titsworth, '12, spent the week-end at her home on West University St.

George Whitford, '14, of Cook Academy is spending the week-end with friends in town.

Marian Stillman, who is teaching in Bolivar this year, spent the week-end at her home here.

Stafford Cleveland, ex-'11 of Buffalo and Dalton Sarvey, ex-'11, were guests at the Klu Klux Klan, Sunday

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GERMAN CLUB

The first regular meeting of the German Club will be held Thursday evening of this week at 7:30. Genevieve Hart, '17, and Lawrence Babcock, '15, are to act as the entertainment committee and Bess Bacon, '15, will present a paper on "William II." The meeting is to be held in the upper class reception room at the Brick.

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Marian Elliott, '18, was in Hornell, Saturday.

George Crawford, '18, was in Hornell, Saturday.

Eva Williams, '16, week ended at her home in Wellsville.

Miss Cheesman spent the week-end at her home in Andover.

Helen Gardiner, '16, visited her parents in Nile over Sunday.

J. B. Bradley, ex-'15, of Hornell was a caller in town Sunday.

Anna Savage, '18, spent the week-end at her home in Hornell.

Prof. Walter L. Greene will deliver the assembly address, Wednesday.

Mrs. Raymond Burdick of Allentown, N. Y., is a guest of relatives in town.

Guy L. Rixford, '17, will give a chalk talk at the Grange Fair, Wednesday evening.

All the Lyceum meetings were waived in favor of the alumni lecture last Saturday evening.

L. M. Babcock, '15, Genevieve Hart, '17, and Nellie Wells, '17, week-ended at the home of Ernest Perkins, '17, in Hornell.

President Davis attended the Ministers' Meeting in Hornell yesterday morning, going from there to Providence where he expects to spend a part of the week.

F. B. Barnard, '16, spent the week-end at his home in Corning.

Miss Madelia Tuttle spent the week-end at her home in Hornell.

Mabel Michler, '15, spent the week-end at her home in Hornell.

Pres. and Mrs. B. C. Davis were entertained at dinner at the Brick, Sunday.

M. H. Pfaff, '15, was called home Wednesday by the illness of his father. He returned Sunday.

Vida Kerr, '15, spent the week-end at her home in Wellsville, Nathalie Wanzler, '15, accompanying her.

F. G. Crawford, '15, E. L. Burdick, '16, and C. E. Kruse, '16, were on a bill-posting tour Monday afternoon.

Hubert D. Bliss, '18, spent the week-end at his home in Bolivar. He was accompanied by Frank B. Bowman, '18.

President Davis will attend the Educational Convocation to be held in the state education building at Albany on the 22d and 23d of this month.

Hubert Bliss, '17, has been elected captain of the sophomore football team and George Crawford, '18, of the freshman team. Both classes have some of the best of the 'Varsity players and we may look for an exciting game when their forces meet on the gridiron.

Harold Clausen, '17, and Guy Rixford, '17, were in Five Corners, studying nature at first hand, Sunday afternoon.

Subscription payments will be welcomed at any time. All those who failed to remit for last year's subscription will be of very material assistance to the deficit if they "come across."

ALUMNI LECTURE

Prof. F. C. White, who delivered the alumni lecture last Saturday evening, is very well known here, having graduated with the class of 1895, returning for his master's degree which he took in 1902. Since that time Mr. White has been Professor of History in the Morris High School of New York. He has taken an active part in alumni work, serving a term as president of the alumni association, and has kept in touch with the University in other ways since his graduation.

The topic of Prof. White's lecture was "President Johnson's Swing Around the Circle," an account of the fortnight's speaking tour of President Johnson in 1866, before his impeachment. The material was drawn largely from back files of the "World," and other prominent newspapers of the time, the diaries of some of the statesmen who accompanied the President, and similar sources. These were so arranged that practically the whole itinerary was covered; significant excerpts from the various speeches made were read, and the whole was interspersed with the commentaries of the lecturer thus presenting a vivid picture of the events, their result and the judgment of a close student of history viewing them through the perspective of forty-eight years. The lecture thus furnished an object lesson in political history, and should be of value to those who were fortunate enough to hear it. The student body and townspeople owe Prof. White and the alumni foundation a debt of gratitude.

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in this article].In the September number of
"The Reply," an anti-suffrage
magazine, appears the following
article on Feminism, by Edith
Harman Brown:"Feminism develops a Centaur-
like creature, with head and heart
unalterably woman, and feet ambi-
tious to walk the paths hitherto
trodden exclusively by man.Feminism is a state common to
the woman with a grudge against
some particular man, and voices
her condemnation of the entire
maculine sex.Feminism believes that the
Hand that would rule the World
must first consign the Cradle to
the attic. Feminism apparently
envies the hen whose offspring
can be hatched, fed, and reared,
by that most accommodating of
mothers, the Incubator. The
Feminists' nearest approach to
imitation of the method of her
feathered sister is the proposal to
build an institution where babies
may be kept in the basement, in
the care of a general attendant,
while the natural (?) mother pur-
sues her outside avocations un-
trammelled.Feminism no longer recognizes
the phrase, 'Cock of the Walk,'
for she would dispense with manaltogether, so she says. But should
he once take her at her word, and
disappear, how quickly she would
be after him!Feminism rushes in where de-
mons fear to tread, and even the
church cannot exorcise her ram-
pant spirit.F. Stands for Feminism. So it
does for Free Love, Frenzy and
Fantaticism."And this is by a woman! It is
perhaps, a trifle strenuous, but it
presents the other side of a ques-
tion in which we are all concerned
and of which we all must, per-
force, take account. Some more
weighty reasons of prominent men
are quoted in another article in
the same magazine:

Hon. Thomas F. Bayard.:

"There never was a greater
mistake, there never was a fals-
er fact stated than that the women
of America need any protection fur-
ther than the love borne to them
by their fellow-countrymen. Do
not imperil the advantages which
they have; do not attempt in this
hasty, ill-considered, shallow way
to interfere with the relations
which are founded upon the laws
of Nature herself."

Dr. S. Weir Mitchell.:

"The best of the higher evolu-
tion of mind will never be safely
reached until the woman accepts
the irrevocable decree which
made her woman and not man.
Something between she cannot
be."

Rev. Horace Bushnell, D. D.:

"Hitherto it has been an ad-
vantage to be going into battle in
our suffrage with a full half. . . .
as a corps of reserve, left behind,
so that we may fall back on this
quiet element. . . . and settle again
our mental and moral equilibrium.
Now it is proposed that we have
no reserve any longer, that we go
into our conflicts taking our wo-
men with us, all to be kept heat-
ing in the same fire for weeks or
months together. . . . Let no man
imagine. . . . that our women are
going into these encounters to be
just as quiet, or as little moved
as now, when they stay in the
rear unexcited, letting us come
back to them often and recover
our reason. They are no more
mitigators now, but instigators
rather, sweltering in the same
fierce heats and emotions, onlymore tempestuously stirred than
we."

Richard H. Dana.:

"The truth is, the ballot for wo-
men is not needed. . . . and if they
were ever called upon to combine
and work in antagonism to the
men, which they must do if their
vote is really needed, the evils of
the conflict would strike at the
very foundations of our social
system."And as a climax, read this from
the Anti-Suffrage Review of July,
1914:"Woman Suffrage as conceived
by its earliest advocates in Great
Britain was to be a moral force.
Today in the minds of the great
mass of the people of the country
it is synonymous with militancy.
When the subject was first serious-
ly mooted the position of women
in this kingdom left much to be
desired. The aim of John Stuart
Mill, since acclaimed as the father
of the Woman Suffrage move-
ment, was to secure the emanci-
pation of woman from the
shackles of legal disabilities and
social prejudices which affected
her personal liberties. He believed
that the only method of obtaining
that emancipation was by grant-
ing women the parliamentary
vote. His belief has been shown
to be wrong, for since the appear-
ance in 1869 of "The Subjection
of Women," practically all the
grievances which Mill had in mind
have been removed—without the
vote. But an academic movement
having for its ostensible end what
Mill desired only as a means
lingered on and provided an inter-
mittent interest for a number of
doctrinaries who were able to
ventilate their hobby in Parlia-
ment, but failed entirely to appeal
to the imagination of the bulk of
either the women or the men of
the country. Associated with
Mrs. Fawcett, whose name had al-
ways been prominent in the Wom-
an Suffrage movement, was Mrs.
Pankhurst. The time came when
it was decided that the movement
was not making headway, and
Mrs. Pankhurst conceived the idea
of forcing from the electorate by
violence what it would not concede
from conviction. Mrs. Fawcett
could not bring herself to partici-
pate personally in militancy, but,
concerned only with the advertise-

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ment it gave her cause, and not with its moral aspect, she gave her blessing to the initial efforts of the Militants by according them a public welcome on their release from prison. Many explosions have since followed from the train of gunpowder which Mrs. Fawcett lighted in 1906. Street rioting gave place to window-breaking campaigns; from the destruction of windows the Militant Suffragists passed to the destruction of houses and churches, until the system has been so perfected that in the ranks of the advocates of Woman Suffrage are to be found bands of women who can apparently be hired for any purpose from church brawling to the placing of bombs.

It is symptomatic of the political acumen of the leaders of the Woman Suffrage movement in 1906 that they should have imagined that individual acts of violence could intimidate the nation into a course to which it was opposed. Only short-sighted fanatics could have conceived or approved of militancy. Outrages of the militant type if few, could have no effect upon the everyday life of the nation as a whole; if numerous enough to arrest public attention, they could only render the people of this country more hostile to the movement of which they were the direct outcome. As the event has proved militant outrages have been numerous enough not only to arrest attention, but also to arouse the widest indigna-

tion. They have been perpetrated in a manner so inconsequent and so reckless that they have entirely lost any value that might otherwise have been claimed for them as a means to an end. While the connection of the perpetrators with the Woman Suffrage agitation is recognized, the crimes are viewed not in relation to the enfranchisement of women, but as a thing apart—the excesses of a band of misguided people who affect to be the enemies of society. Even now their insane actions, numerous as they are, would evoke only contempt, were it not for their bearing on the reputation of the country for ordered government and common sense. Militancy today is not advertising the Woman Suffrage cause in the favorable sense anticipated by Mrs. Fawcett; it is injuring Britons in their own esteem and in the eyes of foreign countries. The suppression of militancy is demanded because the country is becoming a by-word among the nations, and because the cause of law and order is being brought into disrepute.

The difficulties in the way of suppressing militancy are recognized. Never before has crime been so richly endowed. Honor in the little world in which she moves and has her being awaits the perpetrator; if she desire monetary payment as well she is assured of it; if she be sanctoriously inclined, bishops and Church League are there to dole out inspiration and reward in the tribute that they pay to Militants while affecting to regret militancy. The adoption of the hunger strike reduces the ordinary pun-

ishment to a farce, and male administrators of the law are reluctant to adopt more drastic measures against the deluded women. Thus in the case of the Militant Suffragists the ordinary deterrents to crime are of no avail, while the incentives are numerous and, to unbalanced minds, compelling. With a view to depleting the Militant's war chest, the government now hopes to bring home to individual subscribers of the Women's Social and Political Union legal responsibility for the damage done. That the commission of outrages has only been rendered possible by the large sums of money at the Militants' disposal is obvious, and there is good reason to suppose that many of those who have not hesitated to subscribe in the past would shrink from the infamy of having their complicity in the outrages proclaimed in court. The Government's duty is plain; to leave no stone unturned to cope with the organization which exists for the perpetration of outrages. In due time, no doubt, both militancy and the parent anomaly, the Woman Suffrage agitation, will pass into the limbo of false creeds. All that the movement, as directed by Mrs. Fawcett and Mrs. Pankhurst, has brought about is the concentration for definite action of a certain number of ill-balanced female minds. These potential degenerates have always been with us, but until Mrs. Fawcett preached votes for women no specific outlet was provided for their witlessness or criminal instincts. It is true that among Suffragists are many women who have served well their generation. Any services, however, which they may have rendered to their country have been performed apart from the Suffrage movement. As Suffragists they have done nothing that will leave the world better than they found it. Individually—as Poor Law Guardians, doctors, teachers, inspectors, or what not, in a word, as women—they may have earned the gratitude of the nation. As Suffragists they have given the country nothing but a band of reckless degenerates pledged to arson and sacrilege.

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THE LYCEUM QUESTION

There has been much discussion this year as to whether or not the lyceums are a dead issue, whether their function other than as furnishing an opportunity for social enjoyment, has not been absorbed, as it were, in the process of the expansion of the English department to include debating, public speaking, etc. As a result many have accused the lyceums of degenerating into mere aimless amusement societies and are refusing to support them.

If we hark back to the time of their organization we must admit that they cannot fill the same purpose now that they did then. At this time there was practically no other opportunity for social life here, and there was no chance for debating, though public speaking—disguised as “elocution”—was receiving much attention in the school proper. Thus the greatest stress in the lyceum work that grew up was laid on these phases in answer to a very real need. With the development of the school, however, opportunities for the mingling of students in social activities have increased to such an extent that we must admit that the lyceums are no longer necessary to us for that purpose. Debating and public speaking are receiving attention in the English department but these courses are elective and probably less than twenty per cent of the students choose them so that a large number may go through college without gaining any practical experience—outside of “frosh English”—in debating or in expressing themselves clearly and concisely before a gathering of their fellows, which accomplishments we all admit to be necessary to most of us if we are to get along comfortably. Formerly, too, great stress was laid upon the cultural advantage of lyceum work and this again has been cited as obsolete. But here we may well question if any of us are seriously in danger of overdoing in this direction? It is true that there is ample opportunity in the various departments of instruction, but very few of us will admit that we are absorbing more culture than we shall know what to do with! Then too, contact with school-mates under the influence of the atmos-

phere of formality that should characterize a lyceum meeting does much in the way of “knocking off the rough edges” that is not done elsewhere in our school experience.

The crowding of outside activities has also been urged as an objection to lyceum work, but we should do well to question if our selection of outside activities has been wise, and if we do this and then make the choice in the light of our own good judgment we shall, in all probability, find that there is room for an hour and a half a week spent in lyceum work. We all surely find more time than this for “loafing”—as witness the post office region any evening!

So, on the whole, it would seem that the trouble is not with the lyceums themselves, with the lyceum principle, but with the individuals who complain. Let these turn in and work, putting in a little conscientious labor for the cause, and it will be seen that the day of the lyceum is not past in Alfred. “ORO.”

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- Sept. 25. Chamberlain M. I. 76-0.
 Oct. 9. Geneseo at Alfred. 49-6.
 Oct. 16. N. Y. S. A. vs. Varsity.
 Oct. 23. Mansfield at Mansfield.
 Nov. 3. Hobart at Hornell.
 Nov. 13. Thiel at Alfred.
 Nov. 18. St. Bona at Wellsville (pending).
 Nov. 26. Thiel at Greenville.

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sented here a statement of some of the reasons why so large a number of prominent men have found it apparently necessary to organize the “Man-Suffrage” association to oppose the Feminist Movement. Are these reasons just? We shall welcome replies to any of these arguments from those of our readers whose sympathies lean the other way.

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