



Varsity Holds Secret Practice

The football team will leave Wednesday night on the 8:57 train for Mansfield to play the first out of town game of the season. Mansfield will play her hardest to win, for to beat Alfred is her highest aim. The Varsity has been working hard for the past two weeks to round into form and several new formations will be used at Mansfield. Secret practice behind closed gates was held yesterday and will also come today and Wednesday. The student body can help most by staying away from the field on these afternoons. There is absolutely no admittance.

The team will leave on the 8:20 bus and it is hoped that the whole student body will be at the post office to give the team a big demonstration and send them off with the long Ray yell.

French Circle to be Organized

Plans are under way for the organization of a French Circle, the purpose of which is to provide opportunity for advanced students of French to attain proficiency in conversation, to read and discuss standard books of French literature and to study the life of the French. Meetings will be held on one evening every two weeks. Those desiring to join the circle should confer with Mr. Mix. It is probable that no credit will be given for this work.

Notice

It has been suggested that Freshmen be reminded that the Campus Rules are not for ornamental purposes. Several Freshmen have apparently failed to note the rule requiring them to salute Seniors and are reminded that such a rule does exist. This of course applies only to those of the "male persuasion."

Mass Meeting Tonight

The mass meeting preparatory to the Mansfield game will be held tonight in Kenyon Memorial. Every student is expected to be on hand for this meeting and show the team that the student body is backing them to the limit for a revival of athletics in Alfred. Mansfield has an unusually strong team this year and to win from them it is necessary to send the team off with the greatest enthusiasm and encouragement. Bring your voices and song books although it seems too bad that some of our college songs are so foreign even to our upper classmen as to require a written memorandum. There will be rousing speeches by Coach Farr, Mgr. Crawford, Capt. Buck, a faculty representative and others. If you have not got into the spirit of a winning team for Alfred, delay no longer, but help swell the attendance tonight at the mass meeting.

Mr. Smith Leaves

C. E. Smith, who has been here for the past two weeks assisting Coach Farr with the football team, returned to his home in Manchester, N. Y., Thursday night. "Schmittty," has made many friends while here, and his splendid work with the Varsity line can not be over-estimated. The squad took him to the station in the auto bus and gave him a big demonstration and a good send-off.

A Bequest

Treasurer Curtis F. Randolph has recently received a check for \$8,000, a bequest of the Ann Rush-ton estate, the income to be used for the general purposes of the University. Her home was in St. Lawrence County; and although she never attended Alfred University, she became interested in our college through mutual friends.

German Club

The first regular meeting of the German Club occurred last Thursday evening when Genevieve Hart, '17, and Lawrence Babcock, '15, entertained its members in the upper class reception rooms at the Brick. After a few introductory remarks from Professor P. E. Titsworth, in which he outlined the plan of the year's work, its purpose and method, Bess Bacon, '15, read an excellent paper on "Wilhelm II." The topic was most timely and Miss Bacon handled the subject in a most interesting and comprehensive manner, describing the life and work of the world's most versatile man and most ambitious monarch. A spelling match in German followed the reading of the paper, and this was succeeded by games in which German alone was used. After the refreshments were served the remainder of the evening was spent in German conversation. The committee is to be congratulated upon the pleasant entertainment provided.

The next meeting will occur on Thursday evening, Oct. 22. Zulieka Richardson, '17, and Elmer Hunting, '16, will be in charge and the meeting will be held at Miss Richardson's home on West University Street. Lawrence Babcock, '15, will present a paper on "The German Government."

Frosh-Soph Game Postponed

The frosh-soph football game, which was to have been played Friday, has been indefinitely postponed by the Student Senate. This was done at the suggestion of Dr. Farr, who thought, because of the coming big games for the Varsity, that it was best not to risk a chance of any injuries that might result from a class game. The game will surely take place at a later date and the followers of the class of '18, are looking for their plucky players to score a victory.

Mrs. Binns Relates War Incidents

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1914 the Cunard liner Cannonia, was warped into her dock at Boston, Mass. With her came Mrs. C. F. Binns, wife of Prof. Binns, thus ending a most unusual vacation. Mrs. Binns spent considerable time in one of the army centers in England and relates a series of extremely interesting experiences.

On June 20, Mrs. Binns embarked on the steamship Winnefredian of the Leyland Line. The trip over was a delightful one, more like a yachting trip than a serious voyage. Nine days later she landed at Liverpool and immediately crossed the Irish channel to Dublin.

Ireland seemed very quiet, the country looked beautiful indeed, in its robe of golden grain, and the "harvest home" season was being prepared for. The first shock the people got while thus making preparations for such a joyous occasion was the Ulster-Nationalist movement coming to a head. Trouble was in the air everywhere and soon the militia was ordered out to quell the disturbances, some of which were assuming a serious aspect. Home Rule was now being fought for. "It was really a fight for the Protestant church" says Mrs. Binns. War ships were sent to patrol the Irish coast, thus preventing the nationalists from smuggling arms into the country.

Mrs. Binns next visited the home of Rev. Benjamin Banks, father of Charles Banks, N. Y. S. A., '13.

July 12, was Orangemen's day and the Orangemen's Parade consumed four hours in passing the jaunting cart in which Mrs. Binns sat. The crowds that assembled at Drumbeg on the outskirts of Belfast to hear Sir Edward Carson speak on the "Home Rule" question were beyond estimation.

N. Y. S. A.

COUNTRY LIFE CLUB

Thursday evening, Oct. 15, the Country Life Club held its first regular meeting in Ag Hall. After the opening of the meeting by Pres. Stout and singing "Keep in the Sunlight Aggies," the following program was very pleasingly rendered:

Reading Mr. Mark Sanford
Gleanings Miss Madelia H. Tuttle
Piano Duet
Misses Williams and Maxwell
Paper—Buy a Bale of Cotton
Mr. Frederic C. Thiel

After the program a short business meeting was conducted, followed by several remarks for the good of the Club, both by old members and the faculty.

Miss Angeline Wood's reading of the constitution was followed by the Critic's report; Miss Julia Wood being critic.

The program for next week was then read. The meeting was adjourned by the singing of "Agricultural Hall."

After adjournment an opportunity was given to all to sign the constitution. A large number responded, and the prospects look good for a far greater number to sign.

C. L. M. C. A.

The first regular meeting of the Country Life Men's Christian Association was held last Sunday evening. The meeting was led by Mark Sanford, who after the opening of the meeting, introduced Director Wright.

Director Wright gave, in a few words, the objects and ideals of the Association when it was first formed. He also spoke of relative importance of the Association in school life and of the good the students should receive from it.

The meeting was closed after a discussion of topics for study during the year. There are great possibilities for a very successful year and it is hoped that each member will bring another fellow next Sunday.

AG SENIORS ON PINE HILL

On Monday evening of last week the Senior class of the Ag School held their first social event of the school year.

The weather man furnished ideal weather; "Pine Crest Lodge," as the most popular resort in Alfred was the place, and a competent committee brought the "eats." The class assembled with their friends at eight o'clock at the Ag School, and the climb up the hill was made in record-breaking time—by a few. A fire was soon built in front of the lodge and while waiting for the bed of coals to be formed, the crowd enjoyed themselves singing the ever-popular school songs.

The "hot-dogs" as usual, tasted fine with the sweet cider which the committee had been able to obtain in spite of the fact that Prof. Blanchard has moved out of town.

Marshmallows and cookies were sufficient to complete the feast which was declared by everyone present to be the best ever.

As the fire was again rebuilt, Mr. Greene, the class president, in a few well-chosen words, greeted the class members and welcomed the other guests. Upon the request for speeches, "Doc." Howard, "Judge" Thiel, Prof. Meade, "Dick" Humphrey, Clark, Stout, and representatives of the college classes responded in many unique ways. Then, after storytelling and more songs, the happy crowd returned to the village.

N. Y. S. A. CHAPEL ADDRESS

Thursday, Oct. 11, Prof. DuBois had charge of the chapel exercises. He talked on the wonderful advances in civilization and inventions within the last ninety years, saying that the world's advancement has just begun. He cited an instance of a man ninety-two years old who, in his mind, had seen more of the world's advancement than any other from Adam to Washington.

There has been more advancement in farming in the past twenty years than in any other line. The "hayseed," so common twenty years ago, is very seldom seen now adays. To day's farmer has advantages of the rural delivery by which he receives bulletins, farm literature in the form of magazines, also the daily newspapers.

He also impressed upon his audience the importance of an agricultural education for the farmer of today. He said, "Every Agricultural institution, whether it is a college, state school, high school or district school, is driving a nail into the coffin of the farmer who has no agricultural education."

Another point that he touched on was, that N. Y. S. A. is not an "experimental" station, but a "demonstration" station. The man who knows how, is far ahead of the man who is still trying.

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N. Y. S. A. CAMPUS

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

Luman Brandes and sister spent the week-end at their home in Wellsville.

Gerald Platt, '16, passed the week-end with his parents at Painted Post.

Bernice Sherman, '15, returned Sunday afternoon to resume her studies in the Ag School.

Neal Clarke spent Saturday and Sunday with Harold Stout at the home of the latter near Wellsville.

Prof. DuBois and Miss Angeline Wood attended the Teachers' Conference at Canaseraga on Friday of last week.

After two weeks practice, the Ag football team is able to score against the Varsity in practice scrimmages. Hurrah for the Aggies!

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WILLIAM THE SECOND

(Paper Read Before German Club)

"The casual observer of life in England would find himself forced to write of sport, even as in India he would write of caste, as in America he would note the undue emphasis laid upon politics. In Germany, wherever he turns, whether it be to look at the army, to inquire about the navy, to study the constitution, or to disentangle the web of present day political strife; to read the figures of commercial and industrial progress, or the results of social legislation; to look on at the Germans at play during their yachting week at Kiel, or their rowing contests at Frankfort, he finds himself face to face with the Emperor.

"The student visits Berlin, or Potsdam, or Wilhelmshohe; or with a long stride finds himself on the docks at Hamburg or Bremen, or beside the Kiel Canal, or in Kiel harbor facing a fleet of warships; or he lifts his eyes into the air to see a dirigible balloon returning from a voyage of two hundred and fifty miles toward London over the North Sea, and the Emperor is there. Is it the palace hidden in its shrubbery in the country; is it the clean, broad streets and decorations of the capital; is it a discussion of domestic politics, or a question of foreign politics, the Emperor's hand is there. His opinion, his influence, what he has said and what he has not, are inextricably interwoven with the woof and web of German life.

"We may like him or dislike him, approve or disapprove, rejoice in autocracy or abominate it, admire the far reaching discipline, or regret the iron mold in which much of German life is encased, but for the moment all this is beside the mark. Here is a man who in a quarter of a century has so grown into the life of a nation, the most powerful on the continent and one of the three most powerful in the world, that when you touch it anywhere you touch him, and when you think of it from any angle of thought, or describe it from any point of view, you find yourself including him."

Probably never in the past, and certainly never in modern times, does any figure take such an important place in the limelight of humanity as does William the Second, King of Prussia, and third German Kaiser. The part he has played in plunging some of the greatest nations in the world into the most horrible war known to man gives him the center of the stage of the world, to be praised or cursed, as the case may be.

Fredrich Wilhelm Victor Albert was born January 27, 1859, at Berlin, being the eldest child of Prince Friedrich Wilhelm of Prussia, the second German emperor, and of Victoria, daughter of Queen Victoria of England, princess royal of Great Britain and Ireland. His early life was much the same as that of any other boy save that he was not allowed as much freedom. He was kept from all contact with the people who made up the court of William I, his only playmates being his brothers and his sister. His mother directed his play, his exercise, and in fact, all his early training, her first act being to teach him English. William I, the Kaiser and grandfather of the child, had intended to look after his education and make him thoroughly German, but when he set about his self-imposed task, great was his disappointment to find that English influence was uppermost and that the English language had been taught him even before his mother-tongue. The Kaiser was therefore forced to retreat and make no more such plans until the Prince should become older and require instruction along military lines.

So the mother of the Prince had full sway. Dr. Geo. Ernest Hinzpeter was chosen to take charge of his education which was still supervised by the Crown Princess. Herr Hinzpeter mapped out a well organized method of procedure and this ruled work and play, alike. To this systematized arrangement in William's early life is probably due the orderliness of his later career. Besides the regular gymnastics and exercises, William, together with his brothers and sister,

was taught all sorts of games and sports—a thing done but little in those days, but which the Crown Princess realized was the only way to keep education well balanced. All these physical exercises were especially beneficial to William for due to an injury at birth, his left arm was weak and undeveloped and the games in which he indulged helped strengthen it. They also had a marked effect on his character for he had so much to overcome and so much to do with his right hand that he learned the benefits derived from patience, perseverance, and will-power. So in spite of his left arm's helplessness, he became among other things, a crack shot and an excellent swimmer. From childhood he was very fond of the water and to this we may attribute, at least partially, the increase in the German navy when he finally came to the throne.

The spiritual side of the young prince's education was also well looked after. He was carefully prepared for confirmation by both liberal and conservative pastors and as Hinzpeter puts it: "From the religious material offered him, he took what corresponded to his nature and his needs." At the time of his confirmation, September 1st, 1874, his confession of faith closed with these words—"I know that hard and severe tasks wait for me, but I will develop my power and seek strength in God." From his earliest youth he was extremely religious and came to believe more and more that the fullness and power of life could reach its zenith only through religion.

When William was fifteen, he and his brother Heinrich were sent to the Frederican Lyceum in Cassel, the capital of the newly-acquired province of Hesse-Nassau, where he remained two and a half years. In Cassel the little princely household was increased by the ever-faithful Hinzpeter and General von Gottberg, the military governor of the city. The treatment William received at school was the same as that accorded any other boy and he immediately became well-liked among his companions; but although in summer he always had some of his schoolmates as guests at Wilhelmshohe he saw little of them in Cassel outside school, for his free hours were few. His conversational work in French and English, his exercises and sports and his instruction in the social forms and in statesmanship took up nearly all of his time.

William left Cassel January 27, 1877, and was at once taken into the order of the Glack Eagle. From February to October of that year, he served in the army learning the ins and outs of army life. That autumn he entered the University of Bonn, where he spent two busy years studying law, statescraft, literature, philosophy, history and nature study. He mingled much with the common people, always taking care however, that his imperial dignity was not lowered, and winning the love and admiration of all classes.

In the fall of 1879, he again entered

the army and devoted himself to his beloved military work. Three times as a child he had seen his grandfather and father go forth to battle and three times return victorious, the last time from the Franco-Prussian War of 1870, with the imperial crown. Then, he was given the proud position of lieutenant of the First Guards and entered Berlin at the head of the conquering troops. At this time, he

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While we are all engaged perhaps to what some may claim is our utmost capacity, we feel that we are doing nobody injustice in asking what has become of the Press Club. This organization has been a seemingly short-lived one although it was very successful while in existence. This should be made one of the biggest things in the school as only in that way can it be made to be the factor it should be in building up Alfred. Who is there who will go ahead and make the Press Club one of the best organizations in the school? It is a big opportunity for some one!

ASSEMBLY ADDRESS—PROF. GREENE SPEAKS

Professor Walter L. Greene of the Theological Seminary, spoke at Assembly last Wednesday, his address taking the form of a simple talk about the place of religion in the lives of students. He showed how many, while believing in material progress, are without faith in the possibility of religious progress which, he pointed out, is nevertheless evidenced everywhere, attracting the attention of the greatest minds of the day. We need, Prof. Greene said, a greater appreciation of the place held by religion in our inheritance from the past, and he quoted Butler who shows clearly that the religious should hold an equal place with other fields of knowledge in receiving the attention of the student who would be educated in the truest sense of the word. Material progress alone, the speaker said, cannot succeed, as is being evidenced in the great catastrophe which is now crushing Europe. Something else is needed, some great ideal, for it is only in this way, as men are guided by such an ideal as that held up by religion, that material things and progress can be employed to the highest ends.

Our aim in seeking an education is not alone knowledge or power, Prof. Greene said, though these are not insignificant, but rather the enrichment of the personality for a larger life and the greater service which we shall be enabled to render to the world into which we are to go, and this is possible, in its fullness, only through religion.

MRS. BINNS RELATES WAR INCIDENTS

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In other years this occasion has always turned out to be a grand "soupe-fest," "but," said Mrs. Binns, "not one inebriate crossed my line of vision on that day." What a difference the Home Rule Bill had wrought in one year.

Mrs. Binns returned to Dublin the day before the Dublin Riots, where the soldiers on being stoned by the mob, fired point blank into their midst, killing several of the marauders. Two weeks later these very people who stoned the militia, cheered them on their way to the front.

A friend of Mrs. Binns offered to purchase her tickets for her and she gladly accepted the offer. He was about to depart on a business trip into Switzerland. The station agent advised him to wait a few days. Mrs. Binns' friend asked the station agent if there were going to be any trouble. The latter answered, "Well it isn't certain, but we can tell in a few days." Three days later England and Germany were at war.

On July 31st, the day Germany and Belgium declared war, Mrs. Binns arrived in Worcester, one of the largest military centers in England. The people became anxious, everybody appeared nervous, and the question "Do you think England will be drawn in?" was on every one's lips. The banks and grocery stores were ordered closed and kept thus for one week.

On the morning of August 3, the Mayor of Worcester issued a call for the people, and before a large assemblage he read the declaration of war and the notification and orders for the mobilization of troops. The city of Worcester was now an immense army barracks and soldiers began coming in from every direction. They were gathered in the houses, barns, and all other buildings imaginable. In the houses they were a great help, peeling potatoes, helping in the garden and washing dishes. They said, "We may as well get in practice because we'll have to do it in a few days." All Home Rule and suffrage was now forgotten. The reserves

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CAMPUS

Professor Binns will deliver the
Assembly Address tomorrow.

F. G. Crawford, '15, was in
Cameron Mills over Sunday.

Eva Horton, '18, spent the week-
end at her home in Wellsville.

Earle L. Burdick, '16, spent the
week-end at his home in Belmont.

P. W. Burdick, '15, spent the
week-end at his home in Wellsville.

Miss Schenkel's impersonations
of children are great. Be sure
to hear her Thursday evening.

Dr. Richard S. Farr spent the
week-end at his home in Lodi. He
attended the Cornell-Bucknell
game at Ithaca.

T. D. Tefft, '14, of Claremont,
Pa., was in town Wednesday evening
and attended the dance. He
was accompanied by Mr. Duns-
more.

C. E. Kruse, '16, M. Fannie
Beach, Lewis House, Ag., '14, and
Ruth Phillips of Hornell attended
"A Pair of Sixes" in Hornell,
Thursday evening.

Harold Clausen, '17, Guy Rix-
ford, '17, and Cleson Poole, '18,
attended the play "A Pair of
Sixes," at the Shattuck Opera
House, Thursday evening.

Ina Withey, '16, week-ended at
her home in Allentown.

Ruth Phillips of Hornell was
the guest of M. Fannie Beach,
Wednesday and Thursday.

Raymond Howe, '15, and Geo.
Crawford, '18, spent the week-end
at the former's home in Elmira.

Don't miss hearing Miss Schen-
kel, Thursday evening at Acad-
emy Chapel. Admission 25 and
15 cents.

The K. K. K's. entertained Sun-
day at a five course game din-
ner. Covers were laid for six-
teen, the guests being: Prof. and
Mrs. Meade, and the Misses Howe,
Williams, Beach, Perkins, Hood,
Harer and Taber.

Hunting season has opened and
many students are availing them-
selves of the opportunity to go out
after the small game to be found
in the neighboring woods. They
are cautioned, however, to avoid
promiscuous shooting, concerning
which there has been some com-
plaint since the gunning com-
menced.

LOST

Lost—Red coat sweater on ath-
letic field day of Geneseo game.
Finder please return to Carl Hop-
kins.

WILLIAM THE SECOND

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learned to know, besides his own
brave kinsfolk, such men as Roon,
Moltke and Bismarck and realized that
they had been fighting for him—for
the co-heir of this empire—and ever
after he held a far higher conception
of the empire and of his duty to it.

In the army he was considered as a
mere recruit and was so treated by
all. It made no difference that he
was the emperor's grandson—he
might as well have been a peasant lad.
In order to discipline him well he was
continually kept back while others
were advanced and at the age of
twenty-six he was only a colonel,
whereas at the same age his father
had been a brigadier-general. His
military career also suffered many in-
terruptions—numerous journeys taken
for political reasons, and civil work,
such as being president of the
province of Brandenburg, etc. The
business connected with this office
entailed a necessity of learning more
statescraft under the very able
teacher, Otto von Bismarck, the iron
Chancellor—statescraft that in years
to come would be of the greatest pos-
sible value to him.

In the personal life of William the
year 1881, is an important one for on
February 27th, he married Auguste
Victoria, the eldest daughter of Duke
Friedrich of Augustenburg. About a
year previous to the wedding the Duke
had come forward as a claimant to the
duchies of Schleswig—Holstein, and
so the marriage of his daughter and
Prince William was of great political
moment since it sealed the reconcilia-
tion with one of the dynasties that
had suffered by the rise of Prussia.

The young couple took up their mar-
ried life in Potsdam where on the 6th
of May, 1882, their first son, Prince
William was born. There was great
rejoicing throughout the land for the
four Kaisers—present and future—
William I, Fredrick Wilhelm, William
I, and the present crown Prince—when
the news of the heir to the German
empire was made known. In the
course of time five other sons—Eitel
Friedrich, Adalbert, August Wilhelm,
Oskar, and Joachim—and a daughter,
Victoria Louise were born, and the
future Kaiserin found her world
consisting more and more in home and
family. She has always been a source
of comfort and inspiration to William
and their family life has been so pure
and sacred that no one has ever dared
defile it by even the least word This
is a remarkable thing when we con-
sider that the highest people in the
kingdom usually have many little
affaires—for diplomatic reasons, some-
times, which are taken up and exag-
gerated by the court gossips. But the
life of William, since his marriage at
least, has been entirely free from any
shade of suspicion.

Thus the first few years of mar-
ried life passed happily. The empire

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**MRS. BINNS RELATES WAR
INCIDENTS**

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tumbled into Worcester at the rate of 2,000 a week. Conveyances of all sorts were commandeered. Mrs. Binns saw a motorcyclist stopped by an officer. The latter told the owner it was needed by the army. The man got off his cycle and walked away without saying a word. Autos were taken in the same manner. Wives and mothers parted from their husbands and only sons with tear stained faces, but calm assurance was written on the brave countenances of these heroes and real victims of the war.

One of the curious sights was furnished by the gentlemen dressed in silk hats and frock-coats marching beside the "bums" from the lowest gutters—all on an equal footing.

Mrs. Binns went to London to get a passport and there she found that the excitement and feeling was running very high. There were only a few trains to be seen and these had immense signs upon them reading, "Your country needs you, enlist today."

Then the death lists began coming in. Mrs. Binns' cousin is an officer in the Irish Fusilliers, a regiment which suffered most heavily in the first battles of the war. Two other friends marched away with the renowned Worcestershire Guards, and are now at the front.

Mrs. Binns says, "The greatest admiration should be given to the mothers of England. Pitiful scenes are enacted around the bulletin board where the death lists are posted," and she told how, when a mother sees the name of a dear one on the list, though a look of sorrow can be detected on the gentle features, soon a brilliant light shines forth and the mother walks proudly away, knowing she has given her full measure of devotion for the preservation of her country.

Every day at 12 noon, all over the British Isles, the church bells are tolled and a five minute prayer service is held. People who cannot attend these meetings are asked to pause in their work for five minutes and offer up a silent prayer. Mrs. Binns tells of seeing people standing in the streets with bared heads while the bells peal out their invitation.

She says that in some churches one can see the clergyman himself ringing the bells, the sexton having gone with the boys to the front "The church worked very hard," says Mrs. Binns, "to prevent this war, but all to no avail." The sermons are temperate and moderate, and the Kaiser's name is forbidden to be slurred.

Traveling now became very inconvenient, a two hour journey consuming five hours. The delay was to allow military trains to pass. The day before Mrs. Binns left England 300,000 pairs of socks were ordered and everybody who could knit, immediately sat down and started knitting socks.

On Oct. 1, Mrs. Binns bade farewell to a country rich in harvest, with no one to reap, with a heart torn with strife, but nevertheless proudly defiant, knowing she is fighting for the right.

The return journey was a decided contrast to the outward voyage. The ship was painted black and lights were darkened. The passengers were uncomfortable throughout the entire trip; this was caused by the overcrowding of the ship. The food was below standard and warships frequently interrupted the course of the boat. On Thursday, Oct. 8, the ship was stopped six times by warships patrolling the Atlantic. The Mannitand and Lusitania were also passed.

When the ship entered the iceberg path the temperature fell precipitously and the passengers complained of the frightful cold during the night.

From 5 P. M., Oct. 9, until 12 o'clock on Oct. 10, the ship was enclosed in an inky-black fog. During these hours the ship's fog horn sent forth its warning cry at every minute. A fellow passenger who was a survivor of the Titanic disaster became crazed at the sound of the fog horn and leaped overboard. The next day the ship docked, thus ending her last voyage as a passenger steamship. She is to be used from now on as a transport.

Mrs. Binns says she never felt so much at rest as when she stepped upon the shores of the good old U. S. A.

Fiat Lux congratulates Mrs. Binns upon her safe return and welcomes her back to Alfred.

FIRST COLLEGE ASSEMBLY

The first College Assembly of the year was held at Firemens Hall Wednesday evening, Oct. 14, and was a very enjoyable event. At 8:30 about thirty couples assembled for the grand march which was led by Prof. and Mrs. Bole. The hall was fittingly and tastefully decorated, the harvest scheme being the predominating feature. It was the eighteners initial appearance in the realm of the artistic and many remarks were heard of the satisfactory manner in which they had entered upon their "freshman duties." The Schu-Rice Orchestra of four pieces furnished excellent music for the twenty-four numbers on the program.

The patrons for the evening were: Prof. and Mrs. Bole, Prof. and Mrs. Mead, Prof. and Mrs. Montgomery, Prof. Bennehoff and Miss Porter.

Y. M. C. A.

At the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Sunday evening, devotions were led by Mr. Fisk. The meeting was well attended and a full discussion of the topic, "Friendship" was led by Pres. Barnard.

Next week Prof. Bole will speak to the Association on, "Religion and Superstition Among the Porto Ricans."

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WILLIAM THE SECOND

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was growing and becoming a recognized power, due to the faithful work of the famous Chancellor, Prince Otto von Bismarck. In 1887, however, shortly after the Kaiser had passed his 90th birthday, the Crown Prince was taken sick and traveled from place to place, hoping to be benefitted, but all to no avail. His eldest son, William, was forced to assume the majority of the responsibilities of his father and for the first time to enter into the high official duties of the nation. Thus the matter stood when on the 9th of March, 1888, came the death of the aged Emperor Wm. I. This was without doubt the worst blow that the young prince William had ever received for he regarded his grandfather as standing next to God himself. The Crown Prince was now Emperor, but the imperial crown rested upon his sick and weary head only 99 days for on June 15, 1888, his sufferings came to an end.

So at the very beginning of his 29th year, William became Kaiser and adopted the title, Wilhelm II. He was not very well known in official circles, having been tried out only in immaterial things, and everyone was sceptical indeed. His personality lay shrouded in darkness, and the little that was known of him being in connection with the army, he was called bloodthirsty and eager for war. He realized what a struggle he would have, to make his influence felt in the world and his entire strength was put into the task of carrying out the plans of his sainted grandfather and developing an empire such as William I might well be proud of. For the young Kaiser had dreams of what his Germany was to be. Bismarck, that brilliant leader, had built up a Germany that but a few years before had been unthought of, and William intended to go even farther. His first plan was to make Germany a world-power and to demand for it "a place in the sun"—an expression that since

then has become universal when speaking of the Fatherland.

In order to further his plan and make himself known in other nations at the very outset of his reign, he took a series of journeys to other lands. Remembering the death-bed advice of his grandfather, his first visit was to the czar of Russia—Alexander III. Next, in July and August, at the head of a fleet of eleven ships, he visited the Scandinavian countries. During the next two months, he visited the southern countries of Germany, then the court of Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria, then Italy, where King Humbert entertained him and where he visited Pope Leo XIII at the Vatican. The Triple Alliance between Austria, Italy, and Germany was strengthened during his stay in those countries and he returned feeling safer about prospective trouble with France. Later on, he visited England, Italy, Greece and even Constantinople, where no other German emperor had ever been.

Considering all these extensive voyages it is not strange that he received the nickname, "the traveling Kaiser," a nickname that also implied his keen interest in men and things. He was the apostle of a new Germany—the great nation of the future.

The first thing that brought William II before the world was his dismissal of the Iron Chancellor Bismarck—a deed which was an electric shock to the entire world. But matters had reached a crisis; was the Emperor to rule or was the Chancellor? The turning point had been reached; there could not be two heads so one must go, and that one was Bismarck. It had been long expected that there would be a struggle, for it was but natural that two such powerful natures should clash. In spite of his contradictory upholding of autocracy William was very favorable toward the Socialists—a class which Bismarck detested—and the final break came through a matter connected with that party. In his speech at the opening of the Reichstag, Nov. 22, 1889, he said, "My greatest care shall be to look out for the welfare of the lower

classes and all who help will be well received but all those who oppose me in this work, I SHALL CRUSH." The people did not understand the full import of this till March 10, 1890, when the news of the dismissal of Bismarck was given out—the dismissal of a man who had gained five provinces for Prussia, who had created an empire and who had raised the nation to one of shining splendor. There is no question but that the Kaiser felt keenly what the loss of this man would mean to him and realized that the great crisis of his life had arrived. He telegraphed to his uncle, the Grand Duke of Weimar: "Mir ist so weh, als hatte Ich noch einmal meinen Grossvater verloren." People knew that no other Chancellor as efficient as Bismarck could be found and they consequently expected the empire to totter to its ruin. This attitude was symbolized in a famous cartoon that appeared in "Punch" at this time. It was entitled "Dropping the Pilot" and represented the ship of state from whose deck the young Kaiser was watching the descent of the "pilot" Bismarck. But the ship of state did not founder on the rocks, and with William as his own chancellor, it went forward toward a great and powerful future.

Without a few of his characteristics and the things for which he stands, this sketch of William's life would certainly not be complete. Perhaps the most noticeable is his belief in the divine right of kings, which he exhibits on all occasions. In 1910, at Konigsberg, he declares: "It was in this spot that my grandfather, in his own right, placed the royal crown of Prussia upon his head, insisting once again that it was bestowed upon him by the grace of God alone, and not by parliaments and meetings and decisions of the people. He thus regarded himself as the chosen instrument of Heaven, and as such, carried out his duties as ruler and lord. I consider myself such an instrument of Heaven and shall go my way without regard to the views and opinions of the day." Thus we see that with one foot he stands in the 18th Century of Louis XV and absolutism, and with the other in the 20th century of electricity and an untrammelled press. He upholds the theory of Frederick William I to "beat his people into happiness and prosperity." This idea has lost Germany the sympathy of the democratic nations of the world who all feel that "against the spread of democratic principles the Kaiser stands as the first defense; behind him are the Emperor of Austria and the Czar; but that the German Emperor is the defender of that autocracy of which the Czar is the best exponent."

Another characteristic is his versatility. Hugo Munsterberg says that the only one with whom he can be compared is Theodore Roosevelt, who meets each man on his own ground, discussing nature with naturalists, history with historians, philosophy with philosophers, and so on, but that the

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ATHENAEAN

Last Saturday evening the Athenaeum Lyceum entertained the Freshman girls at "An evening with Bells", as a specimen of the lyceum's regular work. The program opened with Devotions by Pauline Peterson, while far in the distance chimes were heard. Following this was a

Vocal Solo—Song of the Old Church Bell
Mary Saunders

Paper—Das Lied von der Glocke
Ethel McLean

Quartet—Those Evening Bells
Echoes Athenaeum Bells Vida Kerr

Piano Solo—Monastery Bells
Laura Keegan

Reading—Independence Bell
Hazel Parker

Quartet—Song of the Bell

The entire program was splendidly rendered and thoroughly enjoyed by the large number present. Refreshments were then served and a social time enjoyed.

ALFRE-GANIAN

The first Alfre-ganian joint session of the year was held Saturday evening, a joint program being rendered. The meeting was very much worth while and proved to the satisfaction of all present that the lyceum is not dead or even dying. We are glad to note that the "Enemy" across the hall has again resumed hostilities. We are sure that they mean "business." Success.

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After the program the meeting adjourned for a social evening. Refreshments were served and a general good time followed. We are looking forward to more such "Worth While" sessions, and feel sure that they will do much to revive the old lyceum spirit.

Next Saturday evening the regular joint session, for Freshmen, will be held in the lyceum rooms at the Brick. All Freshmen are cordially invited to attend.

OROPHILIAN

The entire evening was given over to business at the Orophilian session last Saturday night. Plans were perfected for the year's work which, as outlined, should furnish the most interesting series of programs offered for several years. Great enthusiasm was manifested, especially in the remarks for the good of the order, and the old Oro spirit was rampant. While the organization has been slow in getting under way this year, owing to unfavorable conditions, the outlook is most promising. Meetings will be held each week during the year and a large number of members have pledged faithful work and attendance. The feature of pure entertainment, while it will receive the attention of the committee, will be subordinated to that of real work of the kind that the lyceum alone is intended to offer, and we are confident that our members will receive actual benefit of a kind not elsewhere obtainable in school activities.

The following officers were elected to serve during the first quarter:

President, Aaron MacCoon, '15.
Vice President, Lowell Randolph, '16.

Critic, Lawrence Cornwall, N. Y. S. A., '16.

Recording Secretary, Stanton Davis, '17.

Treasurer, Grover Babcock, '15.
Corresponding Secretary, Walter King, '17.

First Teller, William Stevens, '17.

Second Teller, Lowell Randolph, '16.

After the balloting committees were appointed to arrange for the entertainment of the Athenaeans at next week's session, and to confer with the Athenaeum committee concerning the entertainment of the Freshmen at a joint session one week from that time. Orophilian yells were then given and the lyceum adjourned to Peck's, where the new officers "set them up."

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WILLIAM THE SECOND

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Kaiser really outdoes even Roosevelt. As has been said, he is very religious and Sundays, on board his yacht, he preaches most inspiring sermons to those assembled. This comes as a surprise to those who fancy his whole thought and idea is militarism. Caricatures make him a pompous man who talks in a medieval way about his divine rights which lift him above mankind. There is really no haughtiness about the Emperor. "When he says 'I' he refers to the authority and dignity of the German imperial crown. He is not magnifying his personal importance, he is emphasizing the dignity and importance of every German citizen." . . . The incomparable magnetism of his personality lies in the charm with which he makes his conception of his office and himself fuse and blend with one another. You feel at every glance of his great eyes, the mighty strength of Germany's Emperor and the simple warmheartedness of Germany's most delightful man.

This brings us up to the present and the great war in which the foremost nations of Europe are engaged. Its causes—some of them, at least—and its progress are too well known to need more comment. Each day—each hour, almost—brings us news of the strides that Germany is making in the conflict. We may sympathize with her or we may not, but we can not but admire her wonderful fighting organization and the mind back of it. Truly the German characteristic "thoroughness" is embodied in the army and navy, and the result of the Kaiser's work in this direction must even have surpassed his expectations. His speech at the beginning of his reign was indicative of what he intended to work for. He said, in part: "The soldier and the

army, not parliamentary majorities, have welded together the German Empire. My confidence rests on the army," and "without an army there can be no Fatherland." In this belief he is like Bismarck, who in ten years turned a second rate German state into an empire, doing this "by blood and iron, by unscrupulous diplomacy backed by the best trained army in Europe and by unhesitatingly throwing the country into a war in which the army could be used." As far as diplomacy goes, William has placed himself in exactly the same position into which Bismarck manoeuvred his enemies before provoking war—he has lost the sympathy of all countries—their sympathy and their support.

Watching the daily progress of the Germans we wonder if we in America are safe, should the Emperor win out in this conflict of nations. In speaking of William the Second, we can only say, in this respect:

"Here's long life to your power, Sir, and to your possessions, and to you! and as Anglo-Saxons, we thank God that all your countrymen are not like you."

Y. W. C. A.

A very interesting meeting was held in the Y. W. rooms Sunday night. The topic, "Things Worth While," was brought forth in a pleasing way by Hazel Perkins and Mildred Taber. During the meeting a letter from Miss Little, our former teacher in English, who is now Professor of English in the Rhode Island State Normal at Providence, was read and appreciated by all. Mabel Hood rendered a solo which was thoroughly enjoyed.