H ave Annual Dinner

The Central New York Branch of The Alfred Alumni Association Had Annual Dinner in Syracuse, December 29

In connection with the Principals’ Conference and other educational conferences in the holiday week, the largest number of Alfred alumni gathered for the annual dinner that has ever attended any of these meetings. Thirty-one covers were laid and a most enjoyable dinner and social evening was had in the dining room and parlors of the new First Baptist Church of Syracuse. The success of the meeting was largely due to the preliminary work of the president and secretary of the association, Dr. Winfred L. Potter and Mr. S. B. Everts, both of Syracuse. As far as possible invitations were sent to the alumni and former students in the vicinity of Syracuse and to those who are teachers and might be in attendance at the educational conferences.

After the dinner brief addresses were made by the president, Dr. Potter, by Prin. Burr D. Straight of Port Leyden, N. Y., Prin. William M. Dunn of LeRoy, N. Y., and President Davis. College songs and cheers were enjoyed under the leadership of Mr. S. B. Everts and Mr. Ralph A. Crumb of Binghamton.

The association re-organized, enlarging its name and scope, and is hereafter to be known as The Central New York Alfred Alumni Branch of Alfred University. Dr. Potter was re-elected president and Mr. Everts secretary. With the active administration already begun, it is believed that an annual meeting of at least fifty members may be regularly secured at the time of

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M ID YEAR EXAMINATIONS

J ANUARY 20—26

Wednesday, January 20

8:00—10:00

M. W. P. 8 o'clock classes.

11:00—1:00

M. T. W. Th. F. 4 o'clock classes.

3:00—5:00

M. W. T. 12 o'clock classes.

Thursday, January 21

8:00—10:00

T. Th. 8 o'clock classes.

11:00—1:00

T. Th. 3 o'clock classes.

3:00—5:00

M. W. F. 9 o'clock classes.

Friday, January 22

8:00—10:00

T. Th. 9 o'clock classes.

11:00—1:00

M. W. P. 3 o'clock classes.

3:00—5:00

M. F. 10 o'clock classes.

Monday, January 25

8:00—10:00

T. Th. 2 o'clock classes.

11:00—1:00

T. Th. 10 o'clock classes.

3:00—5:00

T. Th. 12 o'clock classes.

Tuesday, January 26

8:00—10:00

M. W. P. 11 o'clock classes.

11:00—1:00

T. Th. 11 o'clock classes.

3:00—5:00

M. W. F. 2 o'clock classes.

S UMMER SCHOOL PLANS UNDER WAY

Preparations are already being made for the second session of Alfred University Summer School. This year the term will cover a period of six weeks from July 5th to August 13th. New courses and other features which come with the gradual growth of such work will be available. The faculty will be practically the same as last year with the addition of an instructor for the academic English courses.

The summer school of 1914 proved very satisfactory and proved that it is meeting a very real demand. It offers unequalled opportunities for teachers who wish some special work, and for students who have conditions to make up or are desirous of finishing their work in less than the usual four years. The summer school is a credit to Alfred and every student should do everything possible to ensure its success and longevity.

N EW YORK ALUMNI TO HOLD BANQUET

The date for the annual banquet of the Alfred Alumni of New York and vicinity has been set for February 11. The banquet is to be held at the Hotel McAlpin. A large attendance is confidently expected by the committee, this section of the Alumni organization being the largest of any in the country. Everyone interested in Alfred who can do so should plan to attend. The program has not yet been made public.

J AKE STICKLE MARRIED

Howard J. Stickle and Nellie Ackerman, both of Centerville, were united in marriage by Rev. G. W. Cooper at his residence on Dec. 29th, 1914.

The Fiat editors extend greetings and the best wishes of the Ag student body.

A G SENIOR SLEIGHRIDE AND BANQUET

Tuesday, January 5, being the opening day of the second semester at the Ag School, quite a number of happy-go-lucky personalities, formerly known as juniors, assumed more serious and learned expressions and arose to the rank of dignified Seniors.

The older and more learned ones of the said Senior class, thought it best to show the afore-said new members what a “real, social, good time” was like; so our honorable president immediately called a class meeting. To further show the young ones that we could do things in a hurry, and partly fearing inclement weather if we delayed, we decided to have a sleighride and banquet at Andover, that very night (and next morning) if arrangements could be made. Well, arrangements were made of course, and after forty went. The sleighing was excellent and the trip down through the gorge road was uneventful except that the last of the three loads had several narrow escapes from upsetting.

What kind of time did we have while at Andover? Well, just ask anyone who was fortunate enough to be there.

It was thought best to come back through Alfred Station. This we did and arrived at the post office in the “wee small” hours of the morning, a tired but happy bunch.

G E R M A N C L U B

The regular meeting of the German Club was held last Wednesday evening when Bess Bacon '15, and Aaron MacCoon '15, entertained at the latter’s home on North Main street. Arlotta Bass, '15, presented an excellent paper on “The German Laborers.” German games followed the reading of the paper. Refreshments were served.
Prof. Crandall delivered the outlined report of the convention of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers held at Chicago during Christmas week.

Many prominent engineers were present as well as prominent farmers who are making their farms pay. The speeches given during the different sessions of the convention all related to the improvement being brought about in agricultural engineering and the importance of this phase of agriculture.

Prof. Crandall reported the convention to be a most enthusiastic one and spoke to some extent upon some of the more important phases of agricultural engineering and of the improvements in farm machinery now being tried out.

**COUNTRY LIFE CLUB**

There was an unusually interesting program rendered at the Country Life Club, Thursday evening, Jan. 7. It was the first meeting of the year and was very well attended, over 100 being present. Mr. Howard and Mr. Booth were in charge of the evening's entertainment and they managed to keep every one interested.

As each person came in they were presented with a slip of paper bearing the name of some college. The usual order of program was given after which all adjourned to room 22 where numerous games were played.

The program was excellent, the readings of Sanford and Loomains being very interesting. Mr. Williams responded twice to encores.

**The Sleepy Egyptian.**

Egyptians can do and go to sleep anywhere. They look around until they find a particularly busy place in the street where there is a patch of shade, wrap a dusty cloth around their faces, curl up and peacefully glide off.

The whole evening was a grand entertainment and will be remembered by all.

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The program was as follows:

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- **Songs:** Mr. Williams
- **Selection:** Mr. Loomains
- **Gleanings:** Mr. Kruse
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The gleanings were very interesting. Mr. Kruse and Ayars, gave two popular selections.

Prof. DuBois was elected manager of the Country Life Fair to be held in the near future. Miss Cheeseman was critic for the evening and after her report she welcomed the short course students in a few well-chosen words.

The remainder of the evening was spent in an indoor track meet under the direction of Howard and Booth. There were numerous events which created considerable rivalry between the different colleges represented. Leland Dennis carried off first honors in the broad jump. Prof. Pontius said he felt a little nervous when he came to measuring the unusual space, but he managed to do so after placing the measure on one side and then walking around to find the other end.

Michigan carried off first honors of the evening, winning most of the first places. Before going home, everyone went to the third floor where ice cream and wafers were served. A large number of the new students were present and became acquainted with each other and with the older students.

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NEWS NOTES FROM THE NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY

Special Forestry Issue of Syracuse University Daily

A special forestry issue of the daily paper of Syracuse University has just been published. This issue describes in a very graphic way the development of The New York State College of Forestry as a State Institution. The new State Forestry Building which is now under process of construction and which is expected will be occupied before the next college year, is fully described. This will be the only State Forestry Building in the United States erected primarily for educational work. In the basement of this building will be housed the Eastern Forest Products Laboratory, a new Laboratory recently announced by the College which should be of very great value to all industries in the State using wood in any form. The College of Forestry has grown from some 30 men in the fall of 1911 to over 250 in the fall of 1914. This tremendous growth of student body, as well as the development of the work of the College through the State, is the chief reason for appropriation by the Legislature of a quarter of a million dollars for a State Forestry Building.

Y. W. C. A.

The Sunday evening prayer meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was in charge of Mable Michler, who led in the discussion of the topic, "Immunities" in which several girls took part.

According to the suggestion made by Miss Flemnik to keep the girls interested in missionary and other Y. W. C. A. work, Mildred Saunders gave a short talk on "Summer Conferences" at the close of the hour.

Each week there will be given some brief report concerning the work of the Y. W. C. A.

Mean Answer

"Fred, dear, why are some women called Amazons?"

"Well, dear, you remember our geography told us that the Amazons had the largest mouth—"

But she went out and slammed the door before he could say any more.

Prudence and Sparing

The classic case of a king who knew better than to let anybody else shave him is that of Ptolemy the Elder, tyrant of Syracuse, who appears to have been unable to shave himself, for he is said to have resorted to the uncomfortably device of shaving off his beard with hot walnut shells. We may suspect that Napoleon's was another case of the kind. Rogers asked Talleyrand whether Napoleon shaved himself.

"Yes," replied Talleyrand, "one born to be a king has someone to shave him, but they who acquire kingdoms shave themselves." That way of putting it pleasantly emphasizes the practical superiority of the four-man to the helpless apotheosis of heredity, but produces probably entered into the matter also, if Talleyrand's statement was correct—London Standard.

An Impression of Gorky.

"One morning I was singing in Nijni early in the morning," said the display, Russia's greatest singer, "I looked out and saw Gorky standing at a window in the same hotel, and gazing silently over the city. The sun was shining on the towers of the churches, over the silver river and turning the roofs red. You are up early, I said. "Yes," he answered, 'Come in my rooms for a moment.' When I reached his window I saw that he had tears in his eyes, and I did not understand. 'Look,' he said to me, 'how beautiful it is. Just the world and not a human being anywhere. The humanity which has made its gods and its laws, built its houses and its churches, all asleep and helpless as children, powerless to change or adjust all this that it has made. "He spoke very softly and very sweetly, and, for the moment, he seemed to me the most perfect human being in the world. Truly one of Russia's flowers of genius."—Craftsman.

A Matter of Distances.

Why did Homer call the Dardanelles "broad" or "boundless," although at the point where Leander and Byron swam it the breadth is barely a mile? Byron's comment is very neat: "The wrangling about the epithet, 'the broad Hellespont,' or the 'boundless Hellespont,' whether it means one or the other, or what it means at all, has been beyond all possibility of detail. I have even heard it disputed on the spot and, not foreseeing a speedy conclusion to the controversy, amused myself with swimming across it in the meantime and probably may again before the point is settled. * * * Probably Homer had the same notion of distance that a coquette has of time, and when he talks of boundless means half a mile, as the latter, by a like figure, when she says eternal attachment, simply specifies three weeks."—London Spectator.

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Send in your contributions and thus decrease our amount of clipped material. "Go out" for the paper so as to make it a better paper, to benefit the school and your class and to reap individual benefit as well.

Mid-years are coming on space and it behooves us, each and every one, to take stock of the state of our studies. If we spend our time dreading exams, we shall, in the very act of so doing, render more highly probable the failure we fear. Let's get busy then and make this year memorable as one, to take stock of the state of your class and to reap individual benefit as well.

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PRES. DAVIS ADDRESSES UNIVERSITY FACULTY

At the regular meeting of the University Faculty held last Tuesday evening in the Carnegie Library, President Davis gave his address on "The Education and Hygiene of Sex," first delivered before the assembly at the summer session.

Describing the prevalence of immorality among certain classes of school children, Pres. Davis showed the need for sex education as a preventive measure. In discussing methods of imparting this information he pointed out that there are two practical agencies, the home and the school, outlining the ideas of various theorists as worked out with their own children. He especially emphasized the duty of the parents, upon whom should lie the greatest responsibility. Other fields, he said, are limited, but that of the parents is boundless; there is no restriction placed upon parentage, and those who assume its duties must be made competent to fulfill them in every way.

Turning now to the school method, he outlined several high school courses designed to cover this problem, laying especial emphasis upon the desirability of a course in advanced biology for seniors. In the past, Pres. Davis said, a false sense of modesty had prevented this problem from receiving the attention its vital importance merits, but under the influence of modern enlightenment the old "prudishness" is giving way to a more rational view.

A general discussion followed Pres. Davis' address.

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CAMPUS
Prof. C. C. Greenwood spent Saturday in Hornell.
M. E. Mix and Lowell Randolph '16, were in Andover, Sunday.
Eva Williams '16, spent the week-end at her home in Wellsville.
Philinda Woodcock ex-'17, of Wellsville was a visitor in Alfred last week.

Oliver Thomas '16, was the week-end guest of Prof. and Mrs. Walter Green at Independence.
Pres. Davis will attend the College Presidents' Associations' annual meeting at Chicago, Jan. 14-16.
Prof. J. D. Bennehoff of the Natural Science Department attended the meeting of the American Association for the Promotion of Science, in Philadelphia during vacation.

Bess Bacon '15, has been confined to her rooms during the past week, suffering from an attack of tonsillitis.
Prof. Linton B. Crandall attended a Convention of Agricultural Engineers in Chicago, Ill., during vacation.

Myrtle Meritt '13 and Edna Burdick '14, who have been spending some time in Alfred, returned Sunday to their school duties in Arcade.

C. L. Davis of the Fuller-Davis Corporation of Belmont, was in town last Wednesday, and closed the contract for printing the 1916 Kanakadea.

Jessamine C. Fenner ex-16, who is attending college at Mt. Holyoke, was in town last Monday and Tuesday, visiting friends at the Brick.

Andrew Krusen '14, who is with The Sun Brick Company of Toronto this year, spent a few days last week visiting school friends here.

Prof. J. N. Norwood attended the meeting of the Political Science Association and the American Historical Association in Chicago, III., during vacation.

HEROIC MUSTACHE

Probably no dog has ever rendered such signal military service or been so honorably recognized as the celebrated poodle Mustache. He shared the victorious fortunes of the French army through most of the wars of the consul late, and of the French empire. He won special honors at Marengo and was decorated with the Star of Independence. He has been the subject of many a song and story of his valor.

The tale is a common one: the gaining of a city, of a mess of potage, of a world of sparkle and froth and hilarious good fellowship and the loss of a soul. The story is old and thread-bare and platitudinal that for him who narrates it we shrug our shoulders or tap our foreheads. The wanton disablement or complete destruction of human dynamo's designed to generate unique energy, that are to be belted up to new machines for turning out more perfect and as yet unknown products, is going on about us every day. We cry out at the destruction of the venerable University of Louvain or of the incomparable cathedral at Reims, but what is the value of stone and mortar in comparison with the worth of a man? This slaughter of our kind by the regiment and battalion goes on space and still we are bored when day after day the morning paper brings us only the news of yesterday warmed up.

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I should like to set up the thesis that every man and every woman is an indispensable force, a unique radiation of divine energy. I should like you to feel that the loss of a man is irreplaceable and the stunting of his powers a crime. Says one wise man: "Society can never prosper, but must always be becoming until every man discovers what he was created to do." (Emerson). And another: "Every bit of human life is significant and precious." (Mabie).

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He weareth a Lid of Fuzz and the Bow thereof is Cue and foloweth on Behide.

Yea he looketh like one thousand Shekels, but, alas, All is not as it Seemeth.

For, behold, he meeteth at the apothecarys a Maiden with Eyes like the Gazelle and with Lashes of Midnight. And the Maiden pretendeth that she hath but even now asked the Clerk of the Fountaun to mix her a Nut Sundae. But she will suffer the Young Man to Blow Her Off to one.

And, behold, when the Sundae are gone the Way of All Things, the Young Man tipeth the clerk a Wink and passeth out gaily with the Maiden.

And the Clerk is On. He knoweth that the Young Man is Broke. And will the Young Man slip the Clerk the Twenty Pence? Yes. Even so, as soon as his father's Pension Check arriveth.—Ex.

The University Vocational Bureau has placed in the library "A Young Man's Chances in Central and South America." The book deals with conditions in the various countries south of the United States and the opportunities for trained men there. A list of South American firms employing North American men is of especial value and would be useful to anyone contemplating a venture in South American enterprises.