



## VARSIITY WOMEN WIN OVER FRIENDSHIP GIRLS

### Alfred Makes Good in First Game Score 25-6

In their first game of the season against an outside team, the Varsity women displayed their powers by defeating the Friendship High School girls by a score of 25-6. While the decision was never in doubt, the high school representatives gave a fine account of themselves against their collegian opponents, and furnished an unusually good women's game. Alfred played the more aggressive game of the two, thus keeping Friendship guarding most of the time in order to prevent the amassing of a large total. Friendship is considered the best high school girl's team in this section, having won all of their six games. Thus in winning over them Alfred made an excellent start in their first game against a foreign team.

Wilson started the scoring when she tallied one for Alfred, which was followed by two before Friendship scored on a foul pitch. During the first half the Varsity secured fifteen to their opponents' four. Considerable shifting in position on the visiting team was noticeable in the second half, but the new combination failed to stop the Varsity. In this half with three minutes remaining to play the game was called off, a Friendship player having been exhausted by the strenuous play.

Too much cannot be said of Alfred's all-around playing, in which their team work stood out conspicuously against that of their opponents. Wilson and Harer might be picked out as the best capable of carrying off the individual honors. These two form a combination that leads to a large part of the scoring, and Saturday night's game when Wilson

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## JUNIOR-SENIOR SLEIGH RIDE AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

### Heed Winter's Call and Betake Themselves to Andover

The Ag Juniors and Seniors joined forces last Wednesday night and thereby gained one of the most enjoyable sleigh ride parties of the season. Owing to the numerous other affairs which were taking place the same evening, a large number of both the Junior and Senior classes were unable to attend, but by combining the two classes a very jolly bunch of about forty-five participated in the ride to Andover.

The program for the evening had been very carefully planned and upon arriving at the Andover Opera House the party divided. For those who did not dance an excellent movie was in progress in the opera house proper and about ten of the party attended

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## SOPHOMORES ENTERTAIN SENIORS ROYALLY

### Graduate Their Guests From Heart's College

The sophomores entertained the senior class on last Thursday evening and entertained most cleverly. In modest rhyme the invitations bore to their recipients a gentle request to matriculate at Heart's College for a course in the art of love. The registration, announced the folder, would take place at Firemens Hall, Feb. 17, at eight o'clock in the evening.

Hearts, hearts, hearts everywhere, (thousands of them, we are assured and evergreen trees in abundance, formed the chief decorations. Rustic seats, in place of the usual chairs, were deftly arranged among the pines. Over all, the Black Knight from his commanding position in the

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## COLLEGE ASSEMBLY THURSDAY, MARCH 2d

### Committees Plan Enjoyable Event

Thursday, March 2d, having been set for the college assembly, the arrangements that are being made should insure it as one of the most successful events of the year. It is expected that the largest number ever attending a dance in Alfred will be present to make it enjoyable from that point of view, while those in charge plan that the rest of the assembly will be in keeping with the large attendance.

Several committees have been chosen and they have already outlined their part of the work. The chairmen of the various committees are: program, Ford Barnard; decoration, Robert Greene; finance, Robert Coon; music, Laurence Burgott.

## GLEE CLUB'S FIRST CONCERT

### Tuesday, February 29th—Easter Trip

Alfred's newest organization, the Glee Club, is to give its first public concert next Tuesday evening, February 29th, at Firemens Hall. Previous to this the Glee Club has appeared twice for single numbers, but this time, they are to present their offering entirely alone.

For some time Prof. Wingate has been arranging for this concert, and, while the date conflicts with the second Soph-Frosh basketball game, it was thought it could no longer be postponed. In all probabilities some arrangements can be made whereby these events will not conflict.

This concert introduces an organization which has not experienced a year's existence, yet it

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## CHICAGO ALUMNI TO ORGANIZE

### Would Be Sixth Alfred Branch—Logical Territory

Still another Alfred branch alumni association will be formed if plans now underway by Chicago's alumni materialize. This, together with the proposed Chemung Valley branch, mention of which the Fiat made sometime ago and which it is assured will be organized in the spring, will make six alumni organizations, aside from the central association. Mrs. B. F. Langworthy of Chicago is heading the movement to install an Alfred branch in the Middle West, and is receiving the assistance of other Chicago alumni and college officials. Mrs. Langworthy is President of the Illinois Mother's and Parent-Teachers' Association, and a sister of E. H. Lewis '87, Dean of Lewis Institute of Chicago, who has an honorary degree from Alfred.

While the number of alumni in Chicago is somewhat limited, it is considered there are enough to make a live organization. It is estimated that there are at least fifty in the immediate Chicago district, and as distance prevents their return often to their Alma Mater, such an organization is bound to meet with the heartiest support of all, who will thus be able to keep in touch with Alfred. It is with this idea in view that the plan has been advanced, and, in making what is expected to be the sixth branch association, the Chicago organization will prove one of the strongest and most valuable among the alumni group.

## FRIENDSHIP GIRLS ENTERTAINED

In honor of the Friendship basketball team a spread was given by the Brick girls after the game Saturday night.

# N. Y. S. A.

## COUNTRY LIFE CLUB

The program of the Country life Club last Thursday evening was opened by a song by the school, followed by a reading by Miss Jordan. Miss Hoefler then rendered several mandolin selections, followed by an instrumental duet by Misses Brandes and Fisher.

Miss Gorton read the "Gleanings" which were good and appreciated by all. "Keep in the Fashion Aggies," a stunt by the fair members of the club, was the feature of the evening. Some of the latest styles in the millinery art were exhibited. They were made of some of the common kitchen utensils trimmed with several shades of crepe paper. The young ladies who invented these styles have solved one of the problems of the high cost of living.

## AG JUNIORS MUST POSTPONE PLAY

Because of unavoidable changes in the cast, it has been found necessary to postpone the production of "The Fortune Hunter." Since it is impossible to present the play with the necessary changes before Commencement, and since many of the cast will not return for the spring term, it has been decided to wait until the fall term, when the play will be given with as few changes as possible in the parts as last assigned.

## N. Y. S. A. CHAPEL

Miss Tuttle had charge of the chapel exercises last Tuesday morning. She presented a very excellent personation of "Paul's Ways," as told by Paul's Mother. Miss Tuttle's presentation of Paul's sympathetic speech and his mother's was very impressive.

On Thursday morning last, Prof. Sheffield had charge of the exercises. He spoke on "Measles and Toxins."

## NOO YAWK CLUB

The third and fourth degrees were administered to Mr. Brunz and Mr. Perry last Saturday night. Brilliantly attired in their garments of splendor they were lead to the basketball court where they entertained the crowd by their fancy basketball. After the game the movies were visited, followed by a treat in the "Cafe."

An important meeting of the "Noo Yawk Club" will be held on Tuesday night, Feb. 22, at the Castle, 7:30 o'clock sharp

## JUNIOR-SENIOR SLEIGH RIDE

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this. In the meantime a very enjoyable dance was participated in by the remainder of the party. An orchestra composed of five pieces furnished the best of music.

Shortly after the closing of the movies about one-half of the party adjourned to Bloss's restaurant where a sumptuous supper was served. After the second table had been served the dancing ceased and everyone piled into the sleighs for the return journey.

The sleighing was ideal, the night cloudy but not very cold, the crowd most congenial and in short, everything was conducive to the best sleigh-load of the year.

## N. Y. S. A. CAMPUS

—Thelma Hosley spent the week-end at her home in Cuba.

—Hazel Gorton was at her home in Corning over the week-end.

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## FROSH DOWN SOPHS IN FIRST OF SERIES

### Underclass Basketball Championship at Stake—Score 24-14

The first game of the lower class basketball series went to the Frosh men by a score of 24 to 14, on Tuesday night, Feb. 15. The women's teams did not line up, as it is planned to stake their chances for victory or defeat on single game to be played, Feb. 29th. The men, in becoming suits of their class colors made a distinct impression as they trotted onto the court. The hall was hushed as Referee Maure, announced the baskets and tossed the ball in the center. Here the hush ceased never to return.

Both teams were off with a rush and through the entire first period, they played as fast basketball as Alfred has seen this winter. Continued on page eight

## Y. M. C. A.

At the regular meeting Sunday evening Dean Main spoke on the subject. "Let Reason Be Your Judge." His talk was very interesting and was enjoyed by everyone.

Dean Main explained a statewide plan of getting more college men interested in the university. "To do this," he said, "we ought to have some interested men come in from outside our own community and speak to us." He suggested further that Dr. Ballard of Hornell was very much interested, and thought he would be willing to come to Alfred and talk to the student body. It was requested that Dean Main lend his influence to help secure Dr. Ballard for such a talk.

## 1917 KANAKADEA

As has been previously mentioned in this paper the new idea of financing the Kanakadea is meeting with favorable approval everywhere. A large number of copies have already been reserved and the results are gratifying. There is still time to reserve your copy before March first and thereby save twenty-five cents. The following is the form used. Fill it out and hand it or mail it to M. E. Kenyon, the business manager of the 1917 Kanakadea. The price of postage will be added to the books mailed direct from Alfred.

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—Arthur D. Dean, chief of the division of vocational schools for the New York Educational Department, at Albany, was in Alfred last week a guest of President Davis. Mr. Dean delivered the Doctor's Oration here at the Commencement of 1913, and was at that time the recipient of the honorary degree of Doctor of Science.

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The first Y. W. C. A. building was erected in Hartford, Conn., in 1872. The first Summer Home was opened at Asbury Park, N. J., in 1874. Today the association owns property worth millions of dollars, mostly in buildings to house and educate thousands of young women and to furnish them with recreation. February 1 was a nation-wide rally day, and the month will be filled with celebrations and public events. On March 3d the fiftieth birthday will be celebrated throughout America. There are now 342,948 members. On February 22 there will be presented in all associations the historical pageant, "The Girls of Yesterday and To-day," in which the girls of 1866 and of 1916 will be represented in the light of history.

The enrollment for educational purposes now stands as follows: Bible study, 47,835; educational classes, 45,415; domestic arts, 26,964; employment bureau placements, 52,410. There are 721 student associations with a membership of 65,348, and 100 summer homes where girls may find country air, rest, quiet hours with good books, and various kinds of healthful sports.

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**AMERICAN CERAMIC SOCIETY TO MEET**

Director Binns and Prof. E. T. Montgomery of the Ceramic School faculty, left Monday for Cleveland, Ohio, where they will attend the meeting of the American Ceramic Society which is in session from Feb. 21st to 24th. This will be the eighteenth annual meeting of this society, which is the official organization of the ceramic interests of the United States and Canada.

Alfred is one of the few colleges that has a ceramic course, and as such enjoys an authoritative position in the ceramic world. This year both Director Binns and Prof. Montgomery are to deliver papers pertaining to ceramic subjects aside from assuming an important part in the general work of the association. Other men of note, experts in the work, will be present, and aid in what should be the most successful meeting of this rapidly growing society.

Before returning home Director Binns and Prof. Montgomery will attend the meeting of the National Brick Makers' Association which will be held in Cleveland the last two days of the week.

**ALUMNI**

Alfred friends of Raymond Howe '15 of Pittsburg, Pa., will be pleased to learn that he has successfully combated a severe attack of the disease commonly known as the measles

Florence Lyman '13, of Roullette, Pa., visited friends in town over the week-end.

**ALFRIEDIAN**

Initiation of new members was held Saturday evening after the basketball game. An informal program, given by the new members, furnished the entertainment of the evening. After a few stunts, a luncheon was served in the rotunda.

Salad	Coffee	Sandwiches

A short business meeting was then held, at which Thelma Hosley and Isabel Bradley, were voted in as active members of the lyceum. The following are the initiated members:

- Mary Elizabeth Willson '19
- Rachel Richmond '19
- Mary Hunting '19
- Florentine Hamilton '19
- Alice Ayars '19
- Louisa Ackerly '19
- Ruth Canfield '19
- Gladys Pedcock '19
- Hilda Ward '19
- Elizabeth Davis '19
- Dorothy Hubbard.

**GLEE CLUB'S FIRST CONCERT**

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 has during this brief interval manifest a determination to gain its "place in the sun." During the Easter vacation it is planned to take a trip through New Jersey towns. This tour will be very expensive, and the concert Tuesday night will be used to defray the expenses of the trip and the organization's equipment. Alfred will give a hearty reception to the Club on the occasion of its first concert, for its value to the institution is thoroughly realized. The prices of admission are thirty-five and fifty cents.

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Should the two proposed branch alumni associations--the Chemung Valley and Chicago--be realized Alfred would have something to boast of in the way of alumni organization. This would make six branches, which for a college of only one hundred and fifty students is an eviable record. The Fiat lends its support to both these undertakings and hopes before another board is chosen, to be able to record the actual formation of these branches.

Through the courtesy of the college office the Fiat has been able to secure a comparative study of scholarship of the two sexes. This investigation was productive of two conspicuous points: 1st, the average standing of the entire college was "B;" 2d, the women maintained a higher grade in scholarship than the men.

While the fact that the college scholarship was "B" might not satisfy "ye fastidious grind," who would be content with nothing less than an average of "A plus," it is a record that we can be

reasonably satisfied with. This might not carry the weight it does since the grading is done locally, were it not for the recognition given by the state for its standing and the success Alfred graduates meet with in securing scholarships for pursuing special work in graduate school.

What explains the higher grade attributed to the women? The Fiat will not attempt to answer it, except to say that similar results have been found wherever a like investigation has been made in co-educational colleges. Naturally the men will contend a greater devotion of their time to college activities, which are all so necessary, to which claim an entirely deaf ear cannot be turned.

Farmers' Week at the New York State School of Agriculture is in progress. It is the chief of many forward movements by the School to improve both the student's and farmer's views on scientific agriculture. Many professors of note in their particular lines, many farmers who have attained success in their respective lines, are to impart their secrets to the mass of people who will be present.

Besides speakers and lecturers, there will be on exhibition products of the forge and wood-working shops made by the students, in class. A chicken show will be held. A complete collection of injurious insects and their parasites will be shown. Also their causes and means of combating can be learned by reading the large well arranged conspicuous charts. Here also one will see the splendid array of our most important insect destroyers--the birds. All will be shown, from the great pileated woodpecker to the bashful little house wren. At the State Barn the milking machine will be demonstrated, a machine which since its introduction has proven its value to the farmer many times over.

A word about the people who will attend the numerous lectures. They are not the most moneyed farmers, but the progressive farmers of moderate means who realize the value of knowing when and how to do things. This will

be the class who will take away with them ideas which money can not buy. It is for them that Farmers' Week program is arranged and could the Legislature take a few days off and attend some of the lectures, see the various exhibits, mingle with the people, it is safe to say that agricultural appropriations would not fall through in the future.

## '16-'17 BASKETBALL

A very exciting contest between the Seniors and Juniors was staged Wednesday evening as a preliminary game, when the High School defeated Hornell.

The teams were only hurriedly assembled and showed little form, but the superiority of the '17ers aggregation can not be disputed. The final score of 27-14 in favor of the Juniors leaves their banner unstained by defeat. The line up was as follows. A few changes, of which the writer is unaware, are said to have taken place during the game:

'16		'17
	R. F.	
Burdick		Sheppard
	L. F.	
Kirke		Hopkins
	C.	
Griffiths, Randolph		King
	R. G.	
Barnard		Bliss
	L. G.	
Eells		Green

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 18--Varsity vs. Hornell State Highway, 22-29.

Jan. 15--Varsity vs. Hornell State Highway, 29-20.

Jan. 29--Varsity vs. Wellsville Community Club, 30-14.

Feb. 3--Varsity vs. Mansfield Normal, 20-47.

Feb. 12--Varsity vs. Olean Y. M. C. A., 26-27.

Feb. 26--Varsity vs. Cook Academy

## CERAMIC SOCIETY

The regular meeting of the student branch of the American Ceramic Society, was held at the home of Pres. Groves, Wednesday evening. Prof. Milligan presented a very interesting paper on the "Physical Chemistry of Seger Cones."

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## ALFRED WOMEN OUTRANK THE MEN

Scholarship Grade Higher Among Fairer Sex—College Averages "B"

In the year 585 the grave question arose as to "whether or not woman ought to be called a human being." After a long and vexatious desputation over the many points involved in the question, it was decided by the learned doctors that she was a human being and capable of reasoning. In 1833 Oberlin College opened its doors to women, and Iowa College soon followed its example. By 1908 all state Universities except those of Virginia, Georgia and Mississippi were co-educational and only eight colleges enrolling over six hundred students, refused entrance to women. Of these Yale opened its post-graduate courses; Johns Hopkins its Medical Department and New York its Graduate courses in Law, Commerce and Pedagogy. At the present time only five institutions, whose attendance registers over six hundred are not

co-educational, these being Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, Gerard, and the University of Georgia.

Mrs. Allen, wife of Pres. Allen, in an article of 1871, upholds co-education and concluded—"co-education enables the institution to nearly double the number of students with the same means, as buildings, library, apparatus and teachers as would be required for either sex alone." During that year the average scholarship of women was two per cent greater than that of the men students. The average included the range of usual academic and collegiate studies. Mrs. Allen said, "the average young woman does the work in most subjects of the college curriculum rather better than the average young man."

Beginning with the year 1900-1901, Alfred University awarded honors to Freshman and Sophomores who had attained an average of 90 per cent or more in the studies pursued during the year. From the year 1901-1902, Senior honors have been awarded to those having no grade less than "A;" those hav-

ing average grade above "B;" and those having an average grade of "B." Also a system of departmental honors was established, wherein a student, having pursued at least eight hours of elective work with an average standing of "A," would be granted honors in that department. The results of these honors are as follows:

Senior Honors, women 47 per cent, men 58 per cent.

Departmental Honors, women 56 per cent, men 44 per cent

Sophomore Honors, women 51 per cent, men 49 per cent

Freshman Honors, women 54 per cent, men 46 per cent.

This difference in standing might be due to the greater intellectual ability of the women; the tendency on their part to devote more time and energy to their studies, or perhaps to the fact that the men in filling the offices of college activities and athletics, give less attention to their grade of scholarship. Whatever be the reason, at the present time the average grade of scholarship in Alfred is "B" with that of the men a shade lower than that of the women. It is a long step from the time when the debate waged "whether or not women ought to be called a human being" to their present standing in society, but the scholarships' standing of the women students in Alfred would tend to justify the modern rather than the ancient position.

## COOK ACADEMY HERE SATURDAY

Next Saturday evening, the Varsity will buck up against the fast quintet from Cook Academy. This basketball team comes here with a good reputation, having won from many fast teams in this section. The Varsity also has shown its ability and everyone can rest assured that "some game" will be staged.

Who says college life is without its romance. Lawrence, Wis., College last fall royally entertained a woman who made known her intention of bequeathing \$10,000, who now proves to have been an imposter.

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Alfred Alumna Writes in February Number — Prominent Women Contribute to Series

'Tis an old story often retold and is entitled "Another Alfred Student Makes Good." This time it is Miss Mathilde J. Vossler, '14, who is known by a good share of the present student generation of Alfred.

Miss Vossler of Wellsville, was very prominent in recreation work while in Alfred, being one of the promoters of the huge Spring Festival which was such a success, Commencement week of 1914, and also founded and was guardian of the first camp of Camp Fire Girls in Alfred. Upon graduating, Miss Vossler had a flattering offer to take charge of the recreation work of Bennington, Vt. She accepted the position. Since then she has written several brief articles on her work for the daily press and has also written one or two vocational chats for the Fiat Lux.

The collection of articles in The Bookman is entitled "The New World and the College Woman" and is composed of three articles: "A Pageant of College Women," by Dean Ella McCaleb of Vassar; "The Business of Play," by Miss Vossler and "Opportunities for College Women in Library Work," by Miss Mary E. Hazeltine, Preceptor of the Library

School of the University of Wisconsin.

Following is the article, which, through the courtesy of the Editor of the Bookman, the Vocational Bureau is able to publish as a Vocational Chat:

"The business of play—Pouf! only a paradox!" exclaims the Old-Fashioned Moralist with a shrug.

"Not so!" replies the Modern Materialist. "In these advanced days it even pays to play!"

And so it does. More and more are our thoughtful City Fathers coming to realize that it is an economical business policy of civic administration to pay workers to teach their citizens how to play, if for no other reason than as a preventative measure for that very prevalent modern and usually fatal malady of Americanitis. Dry statistics are unnecessary to prove to even the most sceptical about this business of play, that the number of city play-grounds, increasing annually, furnish a vast field for trained workers as well as for a great corps of self-supporting or experience-seeking undergraduate students. But there is a comparatively new field in all-the-year-around recreation work which is beginning to call upon our energetic, social-spirited, trained college graduates, and that is the fascinating field of community development. The task of adequately organizing and regulating the leisure time of an entire community, of bringing together old and young, rich and poor, in true democratic fellowship and harmony, and through it all, of inspiring this community of mixed races and varied social traditions with communal loyalty and a civic consciousness may sound like a stupendous undertaking to any prospective Recreation Secretary—but what a field for real social service and accomplishment!

One such a Community is Bennington, Vermont, yea even in conservative New England and the same Bennington of early Revolutionary renown. It enjoys the modern distinction of being the first small town,

that is of less than 10,000 inhabitants, to undertake a recreational program as a remedy for its social conditions.

Six years ago, a young girl coming home from college—and it was Vassar—caught the vision of what might be accomplished. Her first attempt was to produce a pageant of the early history of this town, so rich in colonial tradition. In such a manner all these different elements were brought together in a common appreciation of their community for the first time. Then a Civic League was formed a group of wide-awake young women, for the purpose of studying local conditions. A survey showed that while the religious and educational phases of the town's life were being cared for by the churches and schools, there was no provision for the physical side. Accordingly a play ground was started for the children in the summer. The next step was to hire an all-the-year-around worker to conduct additional recreation work in the winter. From its modest beginning in 1910 the work of the Bennington Civic League has now grown to large proportions and is receiving recognition as a model system among small towns.

The play ground, which is exceptionally well equipped for the size of the town, still forms the basis for the summer activities. Baseball Leagues for men and boys; Tennis Tournaments for girls, boys, and business men; Volley-ball Matches; Track Meets; Children's Parties; Handwork Instruction; Story Telling are some of the activities which are promoted. During the past summer, a handsome concrete pavilion and field house was built in order to increase the scope of activities and make evening work possible.

During the winter gymnasium classes for all the school children are held after school hours. Basketball clubs with an inter-community schedule are conducted for high school girls and employed girls. Social dancing classes with instruction in the modern dances have been found overwhelmingly popular and they have been important factors in regulating the social life of the village through helping to raise the tone of the public dances as well. Dramatic, First Aid to the Injured, Cooking and Sewing Classes have all been furthered by the League.

However, the features which have been most productive in cultivating the communal spirit in Bennington have been the Community Celebrations. Every national holiday is observed in a fitting manner by all the population together. Fourth of July, Battle of Bennington Anniversary, and Labour Day lend themselves to an especially patriotic observance. A program of athletic events keep both old and young busy during the afternoon. Then in the evening the whole populace adjourns to the play ground to hear a band concert and watch the fireworks. There usually is provided some special feature like Industrial

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Moving Pictures or a Peace Pageant or a Bon-fire. One Labour Day an allegorical festival, written by local talent, was given. The various nationalities entered in America's wake into the New World where they came seeking Freedom and Happiness. Then Labour entered and spoiled their care-free life, leaving them down-cast and over-burdened. Finally, redemption came in the form of the Spirit of Play, who broke the spell of Labour. America then rose and united Labor and Play and all were once more wholesomely happy.

What could be more festive and in keeping with the spirit of the occasion than a Halloween Masquerade Carnival for all the young people of the town? The King and Queen of Halloween Sprites with ghostly retinue, preceded by a mounted cavalcade of Headless Horsemen and various floats and followed by bands of witches, goblins, ghosts, Indians, Black Cats, Mephistopheles, Owls, and so forth, marched down the principal streets to the time of weird music produced by a ghostly band. The streets, illumined by colored fire and lined on both sides with crowds of gay and laughing spectators together with the gorgeously costumed paraders in the centre, presented a most festive spectacle. In an open square, which had been appropriately decorated, the band halted and gave a concert for the grownups while the youngsters repaired to the playground and gymnasium for refreshments and games. Aside from the enjoyment furnished to both spectators and participants, the affair somehow gives an outlet for all the superfluous energy of youth at this particular season and the town is remarkably free from all acts of rowdism.

Perhaps the two most anticipated occasions of the year are the annual auto and sleigh rides when all the children in town are provided with a free ride and given refreshments. The sleighs or autos, as the case may be, are donated by generous citizens. Last winter 1,200 children rode in a procession of fifty-two sleighs, headed by the town dignitaries and accompanied by a big brass band. For many children these are the only rides during the year. However, it is just as much of an occasion for those children who

may be unfortunate enough to be brought to school each morning by a liveried servant, for what normal child is there who could resist the joyous excitement of riding with such a happy throng?

At Christmas Time, especially, the communal Fellowship in Bennington seems to crystallize. Last year, when economic conditions were uncertain, the Civic League was instrumental in uniting various organizations into a Community Giving Christmas. A Christmas Headquarters was established where all the children's letters to Santa Claus were read and investigated. Then the excess of the wealthy was solicited to supply the need of the poor. The following extract from an article in the local paper tells its own story:

In two days the requests for shoes ran well over a hundred. From where would they come? They came in pairs and half dozens from families where they were outgrown, and then from the merchants came whole cases of new ones of assorted sizes....From garrets and trunks came clothing in abundance, a steady stream of it, outgrown but in good condition....Coal and wood were donated by some of the dealers....A farmer came in with a half dozen chickens....Filling the long tables of the Headquarters from end to end were rows upon rows of toys packed closely together....From one generous house came twenty-five pounds of candy and stockings to hold it. This was used up in one day, but the very minute it ran out a thirty pound pail was miraculously supplied from some spontaneous source. It is estimated that if all the things were bought new they would represent a value of over \$2,000. Over \$300 was expended in money, all of which went for clothing and shoes but 10. In all 466 children were reached in 183 families.

If there was a single unhappy family in Bennington last Christmas Day it was not the fault of the Santa Claus Committee and its assistants. During the holiday week, parties were held for all the children with a big cotillion for the older people. Then a public Christmas tree, lighted by myriads of colored lights and bearing aloft the illumined sign, "Love One Another," was erected in the public square. A

fitting program of music and carols was held Christmas afternoon, the whole town attending en masse.

The following proclamation, signed by the village president, which was posted about the town to invite the populace to the Christmas tree, perhaps shows the spirit of the season more conclusively than anything else:

For nineteen hundred and fourteen years the spirit of Christmas has increased in the world, breaking the barriers of apathy and misunderstanding and welding closer the hearts of men. Begun in a stable in Palestine, the chorus of joy and thanksgiving has swelled until in no community of the Christian world is the Christmas Spirit voiceless.

In Bennington this year we have special cause to remember the Nativity and to celebrate its inauguration of brotherly love with carols of praise. In a time of great strife and bloodshed, when the significance of Christmas is banished from half the earth, we have found it in abundance in our community and have reached hands of helpfulness across the sea to aid those in distress. To all of our own number for whom Christmas held no promise of happiness we are bringing Christmas cheer. Churches, fraternal organizations, and those of no creed or affiliation are bound closer together in Bennington this year than ever before, through this great spirit of Christmas. It is fitting that at this time we express our common joy for what we have and what we could give by uniting in songs of thanksgiving.

The whyfor of all this narrative is merely to show what a few college girls have accomplished in one small town. But such accomplishment is within the ability of every earnest and consecrated college graduate. The field for paid workers is a growing one as well as a new one. Each worker may be a pioneer in her own field and map out as constructive a program as she will, and certainly no more fascinating or worth while line of work is to be found in the whole wide field of social service.

**ASSEMBLY**

The Assembly address of Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1916, was given by Miss Weed on the subject of "Expression." Miss Weed also read a selection from Browning's poem "Saul" which is founded on the Scriptural story.

**ATHENAEAN**

The Athenaeon Lyceum held regular meeting Saturday evening, with the following program:

Devotions	Hazel Humphrey
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Music	Laura Keegan
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## SOPHOMORES ENTERTAIN SENIORS ROYALLY

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very center of the room, threw the charm of good fortune which has belonged, since time immemorial, to the even classes.

Entering the college, one's first duty, naturally, was to register, which one immediately did. Then, beneath the green arbor which formed the main portal of the college, catalogues were presented into which the blue eyed entrants copied the names of all the other blue eyed ones, and into which the brown eyed students entered the names of their kind. This done, the blue-eyed individuals became sophomores and posted procs which the possessors of brown eyes, returning after a short period, sought to discover. Such a merry time! At the end of the period granted, the most successful in his or her search was awarded a box of candy hearts.

Still laughing and flushed with excitement, everyone surged down stairs to the dining room. There was the freshman banquet. Green and orange shades over the candles erected a distinctly freshman atmosphere. So did the favors, which, in the shape of freshman toques, fitted snugly onto the tops of the cocktail glasses. The banquet peacefully concluded, up stairs trooped the merry students, once more to plunge with absorbing interest into the novelty of a new game and the conversation of another partner.

### MENU

#### Freshman Course

Fruit Cocktail                      Wafers

#### Sophomore

Potato Chips                      Sandwiches  
Pickles                              Olives

Coffee

#### Junior

Salad                              Cheese Wafers

#### Senior

Ice Cream                              Cake  
Mints

Four different times class banquets cleverly arranged with suitable decorations and favors, were served down stairs, and four times the guests returning to the rooms above found new games

## VARSIETY WOMEN WIN OVER FRIENDSHIP GIRLS

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secured ten field goals was no exception. For Friendship Smalley and Doherty played the best.

Line up and summary:

Alfred		Friendship
	R. F.	
Jackson		Woodhouse
	L. F.	
Harer		Dodson
	C.	
Wilson		Smalley
	R. G.	
White		Doherty
	L. G.	
Cook		Conley

Baskets from field: Wilson 10, Jackson 1, Harer 1, Doherty 1, Smalley 1; baskets from foul line: Smalley 2, Harer 1.

Referee, Fiske.

Timers, Burdick, Baldwin.

Scorers, Miss Lyman, Mr. Bliss.

and new amusements awaiting them.

During the evening two sketches occupied the stage. One was a comedy playlet entitled "The Pipe of Peace," in which Miss Laura Keegan, Miss Anna Savage and Clesson Poole formed the cast. The other was a mock commencement, a burlesque which had for its characters: Miss Anna Savage, Miss Enid white, Miss Lucile Robison, Meredith Maxson, Aloysius Gaiss, Fritjof Hildebrand, Clifford Potter, Harold Nash. Each sketch in its own way, contributed much to the pleasure of the evening.

At the conclusion of the course in Heart's College, dainty diplomas were distributed which signified that the recipients had completed their work and were thenceforth able to pilot their own affairs in love. It was one-thirty when the college closed its doors. The chaperones were, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Middaugh, Miss Porter, Mr. Fiske and Mr. and Mrs. Willson.

### CAMPUS

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## FROSH DOWN SOPHS IN FIRST OF SERIES

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ter. Preston tallied a field goal and Cottrell shot a foul before the Sophs could mark anything upon their side of the score-board, and this in the form of a long straight line earned by a foul shot by Poole. On the game went, the superiority of the Frosh's pass work being very evident. Three more times did the Frosh score field goals before that line changed to a two because of another foul. The Sophs were unable to score a single field goal during the entire period. The eight goals of the Frosh were nearly all long, pretty shots and just the kind to keep up the excitement. Was there excitement? Did the girls scream? At the end of the first half the score stood 17 to 3 in favor of the class of '19.

In the second half the Sophs distinctly outclassed the Frosh but not sufficiently to enable them to overtake the lead gained in the first period. During the final half the Sophs registered 11 points while the Frosh could add only 7 more to their tally. Gaiss and Crawford changed places in this session and the change was for the best, for Crawford four times slipped his man and rolled the ball down through the net. If either side could have substituted

fresh and fast players at the beginning of the second half, the story would have been much different for both teams felt the strain of the first part of the game. The Sophs were handicapped by having Maxson out of play with a "strained" ankle.

The stars of the evening were clear, bright and unmistakable. Crawford, who scored 4 of the 5 field goals that went through the Sophs' basket, and Cottrell, who had 12 of the Frosh's points marked down after his name in the score book were easily the star men. Final score, 24-14.

Line up:

'18		'19
	L. F.	
Crawford, Gaiss		Hagar
	R. F.	
Poole (Capt.)		Preston
	C	
Randolph		Sherwood
	R. G.	
Gaiss, Crawford		Cottrell
	L. G.	
Hildebrand		H. Kenyon (Capt.)

Referee—R. Maure

Goals from field, '18 — Crawford 4, Randolph 1; '19—Cottrell 5, Sherwood 2, Hagar 2, Preston 1, Kenyon 1.

Goals from fouls, '18—Poole 4, '19—Cottrell 2.

Time of periods—20 minutes.

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