



## MISS LOUISE HOLLANDS WILL ADDRESS STUDENTS

Secretary of Hornell Consumer's League To Address Assembly Wednesday

On Wednesday morning, May 1, the assembly hour will be given over to Miss Louise Hollands of Hornell, who will address the students on some phase of work concerning the Consumer's League. Miss Hollands is secretary of the Hornell branch of the Consumer's League, and will undoubtedly reveal to us many phases of Consumer's League work with which we are not familiar. It is through the efforts of the president of our local organization of the Consumer's League, Celia Cottrell '18, and the recommendation of Mrs. B. R. Wakeman of Hornell that Miss Hollands comes to us, and what she has to say will be well worth hearing.

## KING'S STARS DEFEATED BY PICKED COLLEGE NINE 9-6 FIRST GAME OF SEASON

The first base ball game of the season was held Monday afternoon on the Athletic Field when King's All-stars were defeated by a picked team from the college. Palmer started on the mound for the All-stars but was forced to retire in the fourth inning. Although it was the first game of the season, good playing was done on both sides. Both sides did hard hitting until after the fourth inning when both pitchers tightened up and allowed few hits until the end of the game. The line up:

| ALL STARS      | A. B. | R. | H. | E. |
|----------------|-------|----|----|----|
| King c., s. s. | 4     | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| Smith 1 b.     | 4     | 2  | 1  | 0  |
| Fiske s. s., c | 4     | 2  | 2  | 0  |
| Peck 3 b., p.  | 4     | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| Palmer p. 3 b. | 4     | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| Truman 2 b.    | 4     | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Ray c. f.      | 4     | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| Carter r. f.   | 4     | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Barese l. f.   | 4     | 0  | 1  | 0  |

| COLLEGE        | A. B. | R. | H. | E. |
|----------------|-------|----|----|----|
| Kenyon 3 b.    | 5     | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| Hagar c.       | 5     | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| McFaydne s. s. | 5     | 2  | 1  | 0  |
| Lobaugh p.     | 4     | 3  | 3  | 0  |
| Nichols 2 b.   | 4     | 1  | 2  | 0  |
| Banks 1 b.     | 4     | 0  | 2  | 0  |
| Negus c. f.    | 4     | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Ockerman l. f. | 4     | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Axford r. f.   | 4     | 1  | 0  | 0  |

Two base hits: Smith, Lobaugh 2, Banks.

Three base hits: Fiske.

Base on balls: off Lobaugh 1.

Struck out: by Palmer 2, by Peck 3, by Lobaugh 16.

Umpire: Maxson.

No Fair Holding Hands When The Lights Are Low—Movies Wednesday Night at 8 o'clock.

## GLEE CLUB MEN ATTENTION

Again the Glee Club is to get together for a few more trips. There will be a rehearsal tonight in Kenyon Hall. At that time the time of the coming dates will be decided and also the times for rehearsals. We are mighty glad to see the Glee Club beginning work again and it is hoped that they will continue their work of advertising Alfred through the few remaining weeks of college.

## SOPH. GIRLS STAR IN SIGMA ALPHA PROGRAM

SIGMA ALPHA GAMMA

On Tuesday evening the members of Sigma Alpha Gamma, together with many interested faculty members and outsiders, assembled in the organization rooms to witness the "Isles of Folly," which proved to be one of the most clever and original programs that we have seen in some time. This presentation, which was featured by the Sophomore girls, was in three parts, the first being a Turkish dance. Miss Muriel Earley starred in this part of the program though much grace was displayed by her assistants. A very pretty little scene followed, which visualized many "wied dreams" of two children. One of the more entertaining features of the evening was a "Southern scene, in which the darkies rendered many characteristic songs. The entire program was thoroughly enjoyed and heartily endorsed by all present. After the program, the Sophomore girls, not satisfied with entertaining their audience with such an excellent presentation, served pop corn and apples, which were likewise enjoyed by those present.

On Tuesday, April 30, the Freshmen girls will have charge of the program. Although they have not yet intimated the nature of their entertainment, something unusually fine is looked forward to. This will complete the contest, and the winning class will be announced at that time. Election of officers for the coming year will also occur after the Freshman program. It is desired that every member be present.

## MOVIES TO BE WEDNESDAY EVENING

The movies, which are under the management of J. Norbert McTighe, will be held again Wednesday evening. Mr. McTighe promises us a surprise as to the vaudeville. It is rumored that Carl Hopkins will be here but nothing definite can be learned. The picture is a five reel feature the title of which will be announced later.

The vaudeville by the Brick girls was exceptionally fine last week, and the management wishes to thank them for their fine help in making the movies a success. The picture was also fine last week, the light being the best in some time. A large crowd is expected again this week. The time will be 8 o'clock. Get there early if you want a seat.

## JUNIOR PLAY TO BE GIVEN MAY TENTH

"Oliver Twist," the Junior play for this year, will be given May 10th. The cast, which was announced a few weeks ago with a few minor changes, has been rehearsing very faithfully for the past few weeks and we are sure that the Junior play for this year will be fully up to the standard. Mr. Adolph Meier was recently elected advertising manager and Mr. Meier will make further announcements later in the week.

Students Forget Your Studies Wednesday Night—Attend The Movies.

## THE PLACE OF THE MIRACLE IN CHRISTIAN REVELATION

Prof. Binns Presents Another Aspect of The Story of "Miracles"

A few weeks ago, Prof. William C. Whitford gave an excellent talk before the student assembly on "Miracles." Last Wednesday morning Prof. C. F. Binns addressed the students on "The Place of the Miracle in the Christian Revelation," when he presented a different side of the story of "Miracles." The address, in part, follows:

The fact that the miracles related in the Gospels have been subjected to a searching fire of criticism proves that the opponents of the Christian revelation have acknowledged their importance. They seem to have felt that the related manifestations of miraculous powers were the key to the Christian position and that if this were allowed to stand unbroken any other attack must be futile.

The defenders of the faith have usually stated their case under several heads and of these I will select only three: 1. Are miracles possible? 2. Are miracles credible? 3. Are miracles an organic part of the Christian revelation? A great part of the argument I shall use is taken from a well-known work "The Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief" by Dr. George Park Fisher, Professor Emeritus of Ecclesiastical History in Yale University and having made this acknowledgment I shall not weary you with quotation marks.

1. Are miracles possible? From one point of view the Deity is thought of as exterior to the world, acting upon it from without. Nature is a machine, an aggregate of forces which operate in a mechanical way. If a miracle were to occur it would be a disruption of this mechanism. From another point of view God is immanent in nature and the interaction of its related parts is dependent upon His unceasing energy. The course of nature only becomes intelligible by the co-working of God who alone carries forward the reciprocal action of the different parts of the world (Lotze). This vital as opposed to a mechanical constitution of Nature, together with the conception of Nature as not complete in itself—as if it were dissevered from the divine energy—shows how a miracle may take place without any disturbance elsewhere of the constancy of nature.

The unexpected departure of Nature from its beaten path serves to impress the minds of men the half forgotten fact that inseparable from the forces of Nature, even in its ordinary movement, is the will of God. What are natural laws? They are not causes. They exact no power. They are simply a generalized statement of the way in which the objects of nature are observed to act and counteract. Thus the miracle does not clash with natural laws. It is a modification in the effect due to unusual exertions of the voluntary agency which is its cause.

Law describes the action of things in nature when that action is not modified by the voluntary agency

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## ETA PHI'S AND K. K.'S. ENTERTAIN

Saturday evening the Eta Phi Gamma House was the scene of an informal dinner party, given by the members of the Eta Phi Gamma and K. K. K. fraternities to their lady friends. At six-thirty the guests assembled in the dining room, where they partook of a sumptuous dinner, which was prepared by Mrs. A. J. Clarke, assisted by Mrs. Morehouse. Covers were laid for thirty. After dinner dancing was indulged in for the remainder of the evening. The guests were: Vida French, Edna Henry '2, Florentine Hamilton '19, Muriel Earley '20, Isabel Mack '21, Margaret Neuisinger '21, Hilda Ward '19, Hollice Law '20, Louise Ackerly '20, Sarah Randolph '21, Marian How and Fannie Beach. The chaperones of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Erling Ayars 17.

The menu was as follows:

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Fruit Cocktail  | Saltines        |
| Beef Bouillon   | Mashed Potatoes |
| Chicken Patties | Peas            |
| Celery          | Olives          |
| Ice Cream       | Cake            |
| Coffee          |                 |
| Mints           |                 |

## BURDICK-LOWE

On Tuesday, April 23, at Delevan, N. Y., Miss Marguerite Burdick, a teacher in the Delevan High School, and Mr. Gordon Lowe, of that place were united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe have been spending a few days at the home of the bride in Alfred. Mrs. Lowe graduated from Alfred in 1913.

## STUDENT FRIENDSHIP FUND Amounts To About \$1,680,283

The March number of the "North American Student" contains a report of the results of the Students' Friendship War Fund which was carried on by the colleges of the country last fall. Statistics are given of the amounts subscribed by the various institutions and the amounts paid in up to February 15, 1918. The amounts paid in however, have probably been increased by the present time. As a whole, the campaign was a great success throughout the country, a total of \$1,680,283 for the entire country being subscribed of which \$932,681, has been paid in.—Lawrenhian.

Prof. Charles H. Binns of the Ceramic School was in Pittsburg, Thursday and Friday of last week attending a committee meeting of the American Ceramic Society. While in Pittsburg Prof. Binns visited the Alfred people there: Miss Myrtle Meritt, Miss Adelene Titsworth, Grover Babcock and Raymond Howe. Prof. Binns says that they are all doing well and enjoying their work.

The Senior, Junior, Sophomore and Freshman classes of the Ceramic School have each arranged a group of pottery, the work of the members of the class. A jury, consisting of Mrs. L. B. Crandall, Miss Wilkins and Mr. Baggs, decided upon the Freshman group as the best all-round exhibit. The exhibition will be open to the public during this week and next and visitors are welcome between the hours of eight and six.

## INTERSCHOLASTIC WORK MOVES RAPIDLY

Eight Schools Have Entered—Stock Judging Contest To Be Biggest Ever

The following eight High Schools have already entered the Track events of the Interscholastic Meet to be held May fifteenth: Masten Park and Technical High Schools of Buffalo, Corning Free Academy, Olean High School, Avon High School, Scio High School, Kenmore High School, and Greenwood High School. Last year there were ten schools entered with ninety-nine entries; one school sending only one entry. This year with only eight schools entered so far there are eighty-five entries. This seems exceptionally fine for this year when conditions are such that any event of this kind is a different undertaking. The management is quite satisfied with the size of the Meet, and they are quite sure that this week the entries will number over one hundred.

The entries for the Speaking Contest held in connection with the Interscholastic Meet have been very good so far. Already there are thirteen entries with a possibility of several more this week. Mr. Mapes, who has charge of the Speaking Contests, has not as yet announced the judges or the schools entered, but he promises us a fine program for both the Boys' and Girls' Contests.

The Stock Judging Contest, under the management of Prof. Thornton of the Agricultural School, has many more entries this year than ever before. This may be attributed to the fine work and interest of Prof. Thornton. We have not been able to learn all the schools entered in this contest but the following are a few that we do know: Wyoming, Scio, Belmont, Alfred, and Greenwood High Schools.

## VASSAR SCHOLARSHIPS IN MEMORY OF CLASSMATE

Four scholarships have been given to the Vassar Nurses Training Camp by the Class of 1913 of Vassar in memory of their classmate, Annabel Roberts, who recently lost her life while in active service with the Presbyterian Hospital Unit in France. These scholarships are for \$350 each and include the payment of expenses of the Training Camp and of the subsequent two years training at a hospital. The purpose of these scholarships is to enable some girls who might otherwise be prevented, to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the Training Camp. They will be awarded by Professor Herbert E. Mills, Dean of the Camp to whom all applications should be sent. His address is Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York.

Two of the tennis courts are in pretty fair condition and are very popular at the present. It is rumored that there will be a tennis tournament during the latter part of May. As yet no tennis manager has been appointed, but an appointment will probably be made sometime this week. The manager will have charge of the courts and also of the tournament.

## AROUND THE CAMPUS

Harold Reid '20, spent the week-end at his home in Elmira.

Emma Dinsmore '21, spent Saturday and Sunday in Hornell.

Elmer Mapes '20, spent the week-end at his home in Canaseraga.

Ethel Smith '18, has been ill with the measles for the past week.

Henry Harrington '20, and J. Norbert McTighe '20, drove to Wellsville on Sunday.

Laura Keegan '18, spent from Thursday until Sunday at her home in Binghamton.

Dr. P. E. Titsworth is to give the Commencement day address for the Genesee, Pa., High School, on May 24th.

Lieut. and Mrs. Winfield Randolph spent a few days last week in Alfred. Lieut. Randolph was due at Hoboken the 25th.

Phyllis Palmer '18, has signed a contract to teach history in the high school at Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, next year.

Ruth Harer '18, and Julia Wahl '18 were Hornell visitors Thursday where they did observation work in the Hornell High School.

Alice Cranston '18, spent the week-end at her home in Bolivar. She was accompanied by Miss Ruth Phillips of the college office.

In the editorial section this week appears an editorial about changing our Alma Mater. We invite your opinion. Let us hear from you.

Dr. J. N. Norwood was in Belfast Sunday, where he delivered an address before a large audience in interest of the Liberty Loan Campaign.

Donald Fuller '19, spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in Scio. It is rumored that Don is coaching the Scio track team for the Interscholastic Meet.

Dr. J. N. Norwood spoke before a Wellsville audience of some twelve hundred people Friday evening in the interest of the Third Liberty Loan. On that evening Wellsville oversubscribed the last part of its quota.

Pres. Davis and Director W. J. Wright were in Canaseraga Saturday evening in the interests of the Third Liberty Loan Campaign. Pres. Davis gave a very excellent and inspiring talk, and also Director Wright. Canaseraga went over the top and over-subscribed her quota that evening.

Though the Footlight Club's committee have been working for some weeks past, on the selection of a play to be presented at Commencement time, a play has not yet been found

which meets all the requirements. Added to the usual qualifications which a play presented by the Alfred Footlight Club must have, this year the committee is confronted by another difficulty, and this is the man question. The greater share of the male members of the Footlight Club have entered military service, and thus the number of available men who are dramatically gifted has been reduced. Nevertheless there is going to be a Footlight Club play, and one which will in every way measure up to the usual high standard of the dramatic club's productions. The committee has announced that the final decision will be made within a week, when work will immediately begin so as to have the play in readiness by Commencement time.

### PROF. BINNS TO LECTURE ON "FUEL" NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING

The next lecture to be given in connection with the work being done in the Conservation Course is to be next Wednesday evening, when Prof. Binns will give a talk on "Fuel." An exceptionally good lecture was given last Wednesday evening by Prof. Shaw, who spoke on "Fats." These lectures which deal with various aspects of the vital subject of Conservation are well worth hearing, and we cannot afford to miss them. For those of us who for lack of time or some other reason find it impossible to take the course in Conservation, these lectures present a fine opportunity to us to become informed on questions which now so vitally affect us.

### TO THOSE WHO HAVE.

To those who have the shining gold,  
For which the many sigh in vain;  
To those whose lives are spent in hives

Surrounded by the fruits of gain,  
Columbia makes this one great call,  
Nor will the call be made in vain,  
For Freedom now must stand or fall  
And Tyranny must fall or reign!

O you by golden Fortune blest  
With that for which the millions toil,  
How will you meet this one great test  
And safeguard Freedom's sacred soil?  
Oh, never let the tale be told  
That you ignored your country's call,  
But bring your gold—your gleaming gold—  
And join in Freedom's festival.  
—William F. Kirk.

Over 150 Townspeople Saw The Big Show Last Wednesday Night.

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Y. W. C. A.

We are very glad indeed not to forget old friends. We cannot afford to, as Ruth Brown and Sara Jones showed us in their meeting, "Lest Auld Acquaintance be Forgotten." Very interesting letters were read from Chloe Clarke and Mathilda Vossler, old Y. W. members who are still active in the work. A photo of each Miss Clarke and Miss Vossler was passed around that the newer members might see how these old friends look. Both Miss Clark and Miss Vossler wrote of their work in Seattle, and in the South Atlantic field, and sent interesting reports and pictures. Miss Vossler spoke with pride of the magnitude of Y. W. work in the war, and also of the problems women must face now and in the near future. Both appreciate old friends and are eager to spread the gospel of Y. W. C. A.

### Y. M. C. A.

At the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday evening Wayland Burdick gave a very interesting talk on "The Church." After the talk a very lively discussion took place on the different aspects of the topic. Announcement will be made later as to the program for next Sunday evening.

### WITH THE POETS

#### SPRING

When gentle, laughing Spring was born  
One modest, unassuming morn,  
She wished her beauty to adorn  
With some rarity,  
She did not care for precious stone,  
For jewels to her were quite unknown;  
And so she thought and thought alone  
Long, with clarity.

One day, when she was out at play,  
Spring heard some little voices gay,  
And in her frolic made delay  
That she might hear them.  
"Dear Spring, we'll tell thee what to wear  
"To make thy beauty truly rare,  
"To make thee fairer than the fair,  
"Much admired by men.

"Upon thy head wear leaves of green,  
"Upon thy breast let flow'rs be seen,  
"Sweet buds and violets, dear Queen,  
"Of hues which vary;  
"And at thy feet let grasses cool,  
"Kept ever green by liquid pool,  
"Serve for thee, weary, a fit stool  
"Where you may tarry."

Spring heeded what the voices said;  
She wreathed with greenest leaves her head  
And o'er her breast fair buds she spread  
Fragrance sweet to bring.  
She added sun and bluest skies  
And fleecy clouds to shade her eyes,  
And breezes soft like gentle sighs.  
This is lovely Spring.  
—Shirley '21.

#### THE PAST

The Past is but a thought,  
For what has been, has been;  
And, though the bosom swells,  
It ne'er will come again.

The Past has had its thorns,  
Whose sting must pass away;  
It's budding blossoms, too,  
Must flower in their day.

The Past is but a spark,  
Whose flame is still to be;  
And what its light may bring,  
Is worth to live and see.  
By AL.

And it said not a word to me,  
A voice of the night came fluttering by,  
But it left on my lips a quivering sigh;  
An ache in the soul of me.

A bird of the night came fluttering by;  
It sang a sweet song to me  
But my heart was sad, my soul was dead,  
So it brought no joy to me.

Then a fragrant bud came fluttering down,  
And, it nestled close to me.  
It wafted the blighting joy of spring  
To the weary soul of me.

So I lifted it up, and carried it home  
To keep and comfort me,  
It faded soon, but I cherish it still,  
In the wistful soul of me.  
—SALLY-ANN '21.

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Loyalty is a quality which we admire in any individual, whether it be the student, the patient, the martyr, or a person in some other walk of life. We hold disloyalty in contempt. Loyalty has been defined as "the thorough going devotion to a cause," and so it is this devotion to a cause which guides our actions in every phase of human activity. It is the devotion of a patriot to his country which causes him to live and die, if need be, for his country; it is the devotion of a martyr to his religion which inspires him to endure even death rather than be disloyal to his religion. Though we are prone to hold Prussianism and all that the word implies in contempt, is it not the loyalty of the German people to this ideal of Prussianism which has enabled the German nation to carry out her program in this horrible conflict with the strength and endurance that she has shown? Isn't it the loyalty of a thief to his "gang" that forces him to commit the blackest crime rather than to betray his followers? What is the matter with such loyalty?

In the case of the German people, the trouble is that they have not yet realized that loyalty is such that it is devotion to the larger social groups that is the highest and truest loyalty. The thief has not the quality of moral conscience which force him to see that it is the loyalty to the higher and bigger cause rather than devotion to a group of individuals which must eventually win. Thus we see that loyalty may be devotion to an unworthy cause as well as to a worthy one.

As students, we often hear the term loyalty applied to a certain person, and we think of loyalty as the devotion to our college,—and yet, is that the ideal to which you are devoted? Loyalty to your college means devotion to any cause which will make the college bigger and better; loyalty to the ideals for which the college stands. It does not mean loyalty to a class, or to a group of individuals, for then your loyalty is comparable to the case of the thief who is devoted to his gang. Loyalty to class, to fraternity, or to any social organization is a fine thing, but when such loyalty clashes with the loyalty which means devotion to the college as a whole, then it is time to forget in-

dividual motives, and to direct your action in such a way that they will benefit the college as a whole. No one wants to be called disloyal, and yet such must be applied to those who do hold individual or small group ideals and aims above those of his college, and then whether or not you are disloyal to your college is shown every day in the attitude which you take toward every question which effects the welfare of the college. What attitude do you take, what is your course of action when you see an individual violating the Honor System during an examination? Do you do what you should, or do you feel your loyalty to the person so great that you act like a coward? The Honor System is one of the ideals of the college, are you loyal to the college? What would you say if you were asked to furnish information concerning a prank or anything else which is against the ideals of the college? Would you say "I can't tell?" Would your devotion to an individual or a small group of individuals be so great that your action would be such as to term you disloyal to your college? What attitude will you take toward the Campus Rules Revision, which takes place next week? What should be your attitude? Will you hold your devotion to class or to small groups above that devotion which you should have to your college? It is for you to determine what your course of action will be; whether it will be to the best interests of the college depends upon you, whether you are loyal to the smaller, or to the higher and bigger ideals.

In last week's Fiat appeared an article about Leland Coon arriving safely in France. In conclusion the article stated that Leland Coon was the author of "Nestled Away 'Mid the Empire State Hills." The author of that article showed his lack of knowledge of our Alfred songs. Rev. L. C. Randolph was the composer of the song mentioned while Mr. Coon was the author of the "New College Song," which begins "When the Winter's Frost and Snow." But we do agree with that article when the article said that "Nestled Away 'Mid the Empire State Hills" was the song we like best of Alfred's songs. And we agree further that this song should be our Alma Mater. Our present Alma Mater is not strictly Alfred's. It is taken from another college's Alma Mater. What we ought to have for our Alma Mater is an Alfred song, written by an Alfred man; a song that is wholly Alfred's. Some years ago "Nestled Away 'Mid the Empire State Hills" was the College Alma Mater; it was written to be the Alma Mater, and why should we sing for our Alma Mater a song that a good many of us feel is not Alfred's? Custom has made our Alma Mater of today. Shall we not change the custom and also our Alma Mater to one which is Alfred's and only Alfred's?

All Faculty Members Out Wednesday Night—Attend the Movies.

## COLLEGE WAR COURSES

Smith College is offering for the second semester a course on individual and abnormal psychology in relation to mental reconstruction. This is intended to train students already fitted by other courses in the department for work in connection with the re-education of disabled soldiers. Reed College, Portland, Oreg., began in March a special course of training for reconstruction aides as outlined by the Surgeon General. Reconstruction aides are women employed by the War Department to give remedial exercises to wounded soldiers in hospitals and other sanitary formations of the Army. The statement from Reed College reads:

"The course comprises instruction in anatomy, physiology, personal hygiene, posture, theory of bandaging, corrective gymnastics, and other remedial exercises. Applicants must be between the ages of 20 and 40 years. In the words of the Surgeon General, they must be capable of demonstrating team play, as it is essential that this new force have a standard and morale of the highest order. On this spirit, more than on any other thing, will the physical re-education of returned soldiers depend. Through an arrangement with the Red Cross, Dr. Bertha Stuart, head of the Department of Physical Education for Women at Reed College, is now in France for the study of European institutions and the rehabilitation of wounded men. In the meantime, the first course of training is starting at Portland, where Reed College has the co-operation of hospitals and orthopedic surgeons."

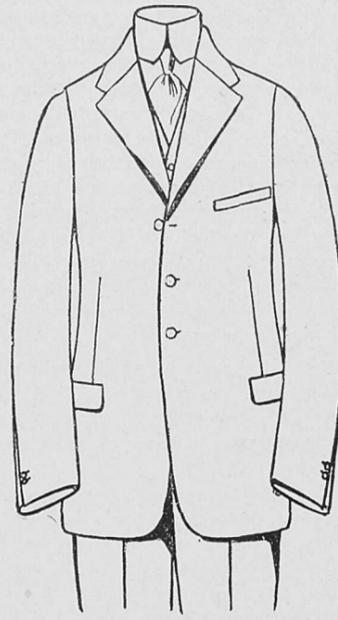
The Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy is introducing a new course in curative occupations and re-actions. The course is designed to train professional workers to deal with wounded and handicapped soldiers. Lectures at the school will cover the administration of public charitable institutions, medical problems in relation to social work, the psychopathic principles in occupational and reactional treatment, and social pathology. The technical courses will cover those problems of recreation which have a curative value and such departments of handwork as weaving, cement work, and brushmaking.

The Utah Agricultural College has organized many extra sections in work of farm tractors, and one section is composed of girls. Washington State College is offering an 11-weeks course in agriculture for women in order to assist in solving imperative war problems in farm work. A four-years combined agricultural and home economics course was offered for the first time at Iowa State College this fall. This was necessitated by the increasing number of women who are becoming farm owners and managers. At the University of Utah, every man in the university is required to devote an hour three times a week to military training, and every woman the same amount of time to Red Cross work.

Dr. Kristine Mann, director of the health clinic for industrial women in New York City, has asked one of the prominent women's colleges to establish a summer course for officers to serve in the health department in the women's division of the Industrial Section Service of the Ordnance Department. From 20 to 60 such officers to look after the health of women employ in arsenals and other ordnance plants will be needed by next fall. One of the medical colleges is contemplating, at Dr. Mann's suggestion, a course of this kind to turn out "doctors of industrial health" after two years' training.

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## THE PLACE OF THE MIRACLE

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back of it. Thus while a miracle in its very nature is unusual it does not follow that it is impossible.

2. Are miracles credible? The credibility of any statement depends upon two things, the nature of the evidence and the capacity of the witness. The circumstance that certain occurrences have never taken place before does not of necessity destroy the credibility of testimony to them. An event is not rendered incapable of proof because it occurs for the first time. The argument that a miracle is an event which under the same conditions will not occur again is not valid because it is not within human power to reconstruct the conditions.

Unless a transaction can be clearly shown to be impossible, or incredible upon some other ground than because it is unprecedented it is capable of being proved by witnesses.

3. Are miracles an organic part of the Christian revelation, that is, of the Gospel Story? It is, of course, not possible nor would it be seemly to state in what the divine plan consisted. We can only judge by the evident manifestations and it is certainly true that if the miracles of Jesus and the actions which depended upon them were taken away from the Gospels the remainder would be so threadbare that it would not hang together. The answer to the third question is more involved than the others because it must include a rather full review of the transactions concerned at least as far as their significance.

The author I am consulting states the reasons for belief in the occurrence of miracles under several heads and I invite your close attention to the reasoning which follows:

1. The fact that the apostles themselves professed to work miracles and to do this by a power derived from Christ makes it altogether probable that they believed miracles to have been wrought by Him. For the sake of argument let it be assumed that the Gospels are of later date than is generally believed. Let it be assumed that they are more or less traditional, that they have been rewritten, edited or what not. Give, in fact, the opponents of the Christian faith all the latitude they want. Even then the essential truth of the story can be established.

The point to be shown is that the accounts of the miracles performed by Christ were included in the original testimony that his disciples gave His life.

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Now looking to the Gospels we find in Matthew, Mark and Luke that in the commission given by Christ to the apostles there is a direct command to work miracles. If we link this with the fact proved by quotations given from the epistles it may safely be concluded that Jesus did actually tell the apostles to "heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise dead, cast out devils."

It is probable that He expected them to furnish a proof of their mission higher than the proof he had furnished of His own?

Did He direct them to do what they had never seen Him do? Did He profess to furnish them a power which he had given them no evidence of possessing?

2. The injunctions of Jesus not to report His miracles are evidently truly recorded and this proves that the events to which they relate actually took place.

It is frequently recorded that Jesus told those whom he had healed not to make it public. "See that thou tell no man" is constantly found written after the story of a miracle.

It was necessary that precautions should be taken to guard against a popular uprising. The people were eager to make Him a King. He had to conceal Himself on more than one occasion. He must reconstruct the popular idea of the Messiah and this was a slow and difficult task.

Now this interdict could never have been invented. It is the very last thing that the contrivers of miraculous tales would be likely to imagine. Since, then, the injunctions imposing silence are authentic the miracles themselves must have been wrought because without them the commands are meaningless.

3. Cautions, plainly authentic, against an excessive use of miracles, are a proof that they were actually wrought.

No one who falsely sets up to be a miracle worker seeks to lower the popular esteem of miracles. The same is true of those who invent stories of miracles, the tendency will be to make as much of them as possible.

But the Gospels represent Christ as taking the opposite course "except ye see signs and wonders ye will not believe" and to the seventy disciples who returned joyfully from their mission "In this rejoice not that the demons are subject unto you but rather rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."

These statements of Jesus, for the reasons stated, verify themselves as authentic and they presuppose the reality of the miracles.

4. The miracles cannot be dissected out of authentic teachings and incidents with which they are connected in the narrative. This is self-evident but an illustration or two will emphasize the point.

John the Baptist, in prison, was discouraged and distressed. "Art thou He that should come or do we look for another" was the message he sent. "Go and show John, answered Jesus, the things that ye do hear and see, the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the Gospel preached to them."

What John needed to learn was that the miracles of which he had heard were actually done.

Let me bring this discussion to a close by quoting two other authorities. Dr. Winnington Ingram, the Bishop of London, in a little book entitled "Reasons for Faith" says, "If the Resurrection happened, all other miracles are child's play; if the Resurrection happened then any other miracle is perfectly credible. What evidence have we for the Resurrection having happened?"

"First the existence of Sunday. A certain number of Jews, as a matter of historical fact changed their sacred day from Saturday to another day. It takes a great deal to make anybody

change their sacred day at all. Why did they change it to that day? Was it to commemorate the death of their Master? It would have been Friday if it were. Something happened the day after the Saturday that they thought was of infinitely greater importance than the death of their Master. The whole united Christian testimony was that Jesus Christ who died on the Friday rose again on the Sunday.

"The Christian Church could not have been founded on the sight of a dead Jewish peasant on the cross. The Church, with all its faults, is the most powerful thing in the world today; like a long train in motion, it demands an adequate locomotive to have started it. We find the disciples coming back in a disheartened way; and we find them most full of hope and courage, preaching around the world. What started this wonderful train called the Christian Church? Nothing great or adequate has ever been supposed or suggested except the Resurrection of Christ from the dead."

Finally, I quote from the "Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah" by Dr. Alfred Edersheim. "A dead Christ might have been a Teacher and a Wonder-worker, and even remembered and loved as such. But only a Risen and Living Christ could be the Savior, the Life and the Life-giver, and as such preached to all men. And of this most blessed truth we have the fullest and most unquestionable evidence. We can therefore implicitly yield ourselves to the impression of these narratives, and, still more, to the realization of that most sacred and blessed fact. This is the foundation of the Church, the inscription on the banner of her armies the strength and comfort of every Christian heart and the great hope of humanity. "The Lord is risen indeed."

Like a mighty ship the Christian Church is sailing on—and when I say the Christian Church I mean not the Roman Communion, not the Anglican communion, not the Baptist, the Methodist nor the Presbyterian but the church, one and indivisible, consisting of all those who love and honor the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth. This church is sailing on. The seas may at times be stormy; the winds may be contrary, but her chart is the word of God and the Captain is at the helm.

You may take passage if you will, for there is room for all but if you refuse the voyage will be made just the same. She may meet enemies but she cannot be sunk and in due time she with her precious freight of truth and her company of human souls, will find rest and safety in the heaven where they would be.

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