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## CLASS BASKET BALL

### UNDERCLASS CHAMPIONSHIP GOES TO FROSH

The Freshman class won the Soph-Frosh basketball series by trimming the Sophomore team last Wednesday night with a score of 45 to 9. This makes the second time that the Freshmen have taken the Sophomores into camp, the first being two weeks ago. By winning the first two games of the series, the Frosh have the victory without the necessity of a third game.

The game was a hard one from start to finish. Every man on each team was working every minute of the time.

The Sophs played well and the first half was perhaps the hardest fought game that has been seen on the local court this season. The score at the end of the first half was 9 to 8 in favor of the Frosh. The Frosh did not play their regular line-up the first half. The second half, Smith, Burdick, Carlson and Coffin went into the game for the Frosh while on the Soph team Plank substituted for Clark and Ockerman went into Plank's position at forward. The excellent pass-work of the Frosh in the second half enabled them to run up a score of 36 points to 1, making the total score 45 to 9. Barressi did all of the scoring for the Sophomores. During the first-half he made three field baskets and two fouls. In the second half he made one lone foul. Burdick, Smith, Banks, Ells and Armstrong did the scoring for the Frosh.

The line up follows:

Frosh	Sophs
R. F.	Plank, Ockerman
Ells, Burdick	L. F.
Armstrong, Banks	Barressi
C.	Crofoot
Banks, Smith	R. G.
Clark, Carlson	Clark, Plank
L. G.	Robinson
Peck, Coffin	
Referee, Hagar '19.	
Timekeeper, Carter '20.	
Scorer, Clark '20.	

### GIRLS' VARSITY TO PLAY GENESEO NORMAL

The first out-of-town game played by a girl's Varsity basket ball team of Alfred for several years is scheduled for Saturday night, March 1st, at Geneseo. It's been a long time since we have had a girl's team representative of the college. We ought to back them well. The team will probably leave for Geneseo Saturday afternoon in autos, or perhaps the auto-bus, and they will return the same night. The captain of the Girl's Varsity is Mary Elizabeth Wilson '19. Emma Schroeder '21, is manager and Miss Danielson, coach. The coach and captain will not pick the team until the night before the game with Geneseo Normal. The girls will need a great amount of cheering from the side lines, and the college ought to have a good representation there.

### DULL TIMES

First Newsboy—"Dere ain't no news in de papers no more."  
Second Newsboy—"No. I'm selling dem now by hollering de headlines of de advertisement."

### SOPH GIRLS WIN

After Hard Fight With Frosh, Score Stands 15-3

It seems that it isn't true that playing girls' rules in basketball prohibits good team work. The playing was excellent last Wednesday night on both sides and there was good passing and clean guarding. The Sophomores, for the second time, wrested the honors from the Frosh girls, however, and two games in the series have now been won by the odd numbered class. The Soph team had good speed and strength, and ran up a score of 15-3. In spite of the few girls in the class, the Frosh have a mighty fine team, considering their numbers. They valiantly held the Sophs down to four in the second half of the game and their pluck was splendid fighting against such great odds.

In the second half Amy VanHorn substituted for Leah Clerke, as forward and Leah Clerke substituted for Eloise Clark as guard. There were no changes in the Frosh line up.

The line up follows:

Sophs	Frosh
Leah Clerke	Gladys Davis
Lois Holmes	Florence Bowden
Amy VanHorn	
Amy VanHorn	Audrey Haynes
Emma Schroeder	Laura Stillman
Leah Clerke	
Eloise Clarke	Elizabeth Ayres
Betty Fassett	Margaret Glaspey

## ALFRED REPRESENTATIVES AT ALBANY CONFERENCE

### Will Bring Back News of the Big Drive to be Launched Soon

Alfred was well represented at the Albany Student Volunteer Conference held at Albany, February the 21, 22 and 23. Profs. Norwood and Whitford and Misses Ward and Law of the College and Misses Mead and Lewis of the Ag School are there in behalf of the local organizations. The object of the conference is to outline a plan for the big Student Brotherhood drive to be held in the near future. The slogan will be the "Students of U. S. for the Students of the World," and the object for each school to contribute to the aid of some foreign college. You have heard of Yale in China; Pitts in China, and Princeton in China. Now help us realize the establishment of Alfred in some one of these foreign institutes.

There will be a stereopticon lecture Sunday the 2d of March, on this subject at Kenyon Memorial. This is a joint meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. and we want everybody out. Come whether you usually attend meetings or not. It's sure to be interesting.

### BASEBALL!

All candidates for battery positions report at Academy March 3, at 7:30 P. M.

## ELEVENTH ANNUAL FARM AND HOME WEEK IN ALFRED

### Three Days Filled With Interesting Lectures And Exhibits

The 18th to 20th of this month marked the passing of the eleventh Farm and Home Week at Alfred University. It proved a huge success although weather conditions were not ideal. Nineteen speakers from throughout the State were present and enlightened the rural men and women through their lectures and practical demonstrations. Besides the lectures a poultry, egg, potato and health exhibit were held.

Why do we have Farmers' Week some pessimistic person may ask. It is to educate our rural men and women and to instruct them along the latest practical and scientific methods of agriculture. At such lectures difficult problems and questions are threshed out through the aid of experts.

Agriculture has been criticized more than any other branch of industry. We are approaching the age when the great masses throughout the country must recognize the farmers. Without them we could not exist.

The old type farmer is a fading being and his place is becoming filled with college bred men. A keen mind is just as necessary in agriculture as in any other industry. It is such men that are revolutionizing agriculture. Thus then the various branches of the industry is being organized in the same manner as our labor unions.

Each speaker present was a specialist in his or her line. To select the best would not be justice to the others. James Rice, the poultry specialist from Cornell, was present as were Profs. Place, Remsen and Mr. W. H. Bassett of Alfred; Mr. H. N. Humphrey, Farm Bureau Manager of Steuben County; Prof. Mark J. Smith, Sheep specialist of Cornell University; Mr. F. C. Gibbs, Fillmore, N. Y.; Dr. P. R. Bowdish, State Department of Health; Pres. Boothe C. Davis, Prof. Thornton, Dr. J. N. Norwood, Prof. Sheffield, Miss Wood and Miss Cheesman of Alfred; Mr. R. Q. Smith, Farm Bureau Manager, Allegany County; Hon. S. L. Strivings, Pres. State Federation of Farm Bureaus; Dr. George H. Rea, Bee Specialist C. S. Department of Agriculture; Miss Elizabeth Master, County Home Demonstration Agent; Miss Dorothy Ruf, Community Nurse; Mrs. Annette Chase Dimock, Home Economics Department, Cornell.

### CERAMIC PARTY

On Tuesday evening, February 11, the Ceramic Engineers entertained the Art students at Ceramic School. At 8 o'clock the Engineers had a meeting at which the delegates to the National Ceramic meeting at Pittsburgh gave a report. After the meeting everyone in the best of spirits, spun the plate, played Jacob and Ruth and other games. During the latter part of the games every single man disappeared only to return in a few minutes to claim their partners for supper. A most delicious and surprising supper was served in the studio which was prettily decorated with pine, cushions and lighted by candle light.

## KANAKADEA PLAYS A GREAT SUCCESS

### Year Book Expenses Will Be Considerably Aided By Receipts From Plays And Pies

The Kanakadea entertainment and dance at Firemens Hall, Saturday evening was a decided success. The first part of the program consisted in the presentation of two one-act plays, "Jack's Brother's Sister" and "At Retreat." The Dramatis personae were as follows:

- Jack's Brother's Sister
- Rob Rowley—Jack's roommate
- Robert Chipman
- Petunia—Jack's brother's sister
- D. Iola Lanphere
- Scene: Jack's sitting room in college.
- AT RETREAT
- Colonel Barlow, of Confederate Army
- Adolph Vossler
- Mrs. Kate Wainright—Colonel's sister
- Margaret Newisinger
- Dorothy Wainright—Mrs. Wainright's daughter
- Elizabeth Ayers
- Philip Barlow—Captain in Union Army
- Harold Reid
- Pompey—Colonel's Negro servant
- A. Wallace Brown
- Henrietta—the maid
- Beatrice Streeter
- Corporal Yost
- Alfred Pollock
- Scene: Colonel Barlow's army quarters.

Time: April 12, 1865.

The acts were well rendered and peppy. Especial mention should be made of the excellent team work of Miss Lanphere and Mr. Chipman in Jack's Brother's Sister and of the comedy characters in At Retreat.

Following the theatrical part of the entertainment came a pie auction with Prof. Wingate as auctioneer. Incidentally we wonder who was the final possessor of Mrs. King's much coveted coconut cream pie. The remaining hour and a half of the evening was devoted to dancing. Spicer Kenyon, Frobisher Lyttle, Carlos Camenga and King Kellogg furnished the music.

### ALUMNI NEWS

Aaron MacCoon '16, has received his discharge from the army and is spending some time in Alfred.

Miss Jessica Davis '17, who is teaching in Corning, spent the week-end at her home in Alfred.

Miss Mildred Saunders '16, spent a few days at her home last week.

Clifford Potter arrived in Alfred last week. He has received his discharge and plans to take up some college work next term.

Miss Hazel Perkins '17, spent the week-end with Alfred friends.

Ernest Perkins '17, is now Sergt. 1st Class in an Embarkation Rest Camp in France. He hopes to get back to this country in time to enter medical school next fall.

One of Alfred's oldest alumni, Mr. Edmund E. Burdick of the class of 1855, died last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Irish.

Sergt. William Garwood '15, has received his honorable discharge and is again taking up his work as superintendent of schools.

Innocent Freshman:—"Don't you think ALL the Seniors look so dignified in their caps and gowns in Assembly?"

## MR. PYLE, Y. M. SECRETARY IN ALFRED

### Long Expected Lecture Given in Assembly

Alfred has been hoping for a long time to hear Mr. Pyle, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., lecture. To make up for the shortness of his first visit to Alfred. Mr. Pyle was in town again last week and he spoke in Assembly on Wednesday morning. His topic had to deal with the work of the Y. M. C. A. now that the war is over.

Since peace is at last come the Y. M. C. A. is working to spread the ideals for which we fought and won. These ideals are working for true democracy over the entire globe and world citizenship for all. This work is a great missionary movement toward world peace. The great religious missionary movements in the far east and Africa have shown that religious work will bring about peace. Missionaries are the true ministers of peace.

The restlessness of the people in Mexico during the last few years has shown that unrest in one country will cause the same in another. The League of Nations cannot be a success if there are countries all about that are causing undue disturbance. At the present time only one third of the earth's population is represented in the league. If this cannot be overcome and if all the countries do not join the League the 20 odd million casualities will have been sacrificed for nothing. True world democracy will not be gained.

The problem of the Y. M. C. A. is to promote, in every way possible, world peace. This can best be done through religion. So the Y. M. C. A. has outlined a campaign which is proving very successful. The Y. M. C. A. work in Alfred is proving as successful as everywhere else.

In closing, Mr. Pyle spoke of the work of the college in promoting education, which is one of the factors of religion. Some of the larger colleges and universities are building and have built and supported colleges in the far east where there is a large field to work in. It is Mr. Pyle's wish that we help support some school in the east by giving a sum of money, to some college for scholarships or general improvement of the school. With this as a goal, a drive will shortly be launched in Alfred, under the Y. M. and Y. W., to aid in the great work for a world-wide democracy.

### SINGING IN ASSEMBLY

The first of the class sings in Assembly has passed most successfully. Last Wednesday, great volume and much peppy harmony exuded from the Freshmen under the very able directorship of Mr. Chipman with Miss Laura Stillman at the piano. The class sang a medley of popular songs, and the ten minutes allowed for the song service closed with the Alma Mater, by the entire student body. Which reminds us, there are still many who do not know the words of our Alma Mater. It's really time that they were learned.

The other classes will conduct the singing in Assembly on succeeding Wednesdays, but they'll have to work some to put it over on the Frosh. They sure can sing!

# CREDIT SYSTEM

## MAJOR OFFICES

## MINOR OFFICES

ORGANIZATION	CLASS I, 25	CLASS II, 20	CLASS III, 15	CLASS I, 10	CLASS II, 8	CLASS III, 6	CLASS IV, 4
Student Senate	President		Members				
Sigma Alpha Gamma	President		Council				
Athletic Council	President		Council				
Kanakadea		Editor Business Mgr.	Art Editor	Asst. Bus. Mgr. Asst. Art Editor Photographer	Associate Editor	Assistant Photo.	
Fiat Lux		Editor		Business Mgr.	Associate Editor	Asst. Bus. Mgr.	
Brick		President					
Y. M. C. A.			President		Cabinet		
Y. W. C. A.			President		Cabinet		
Senior Class				President			Other Officers
Footlight Club				President			
Ceramic Guild				President			
Junior Class					President		Other Officers
Soph. Class						President	Other Officers
Frosh Class						President	Other Officers
Ceramic Society						President	Other Officers
Athletics				Interscholastic Manager	Football Mgr.	Base Ball Mgr. Basket Ball Mgr.	

### NEW CREDIT SYSTEM ADOPTED

#### Report of Student Senate on Credit System

Adopted by student Body Feb. 12, 1919

1. For system see attached diagram. (a) no student may hold more than 45 units.

2. Resolved, that the Student Senate shall post before each student election the names of the people then ineligible for the office.

3. Resolved, that in special cases the Student Senate has the power to allow a person to hold one minor office above 45 units.

The above report of the Student Senate was adopted in student assembly, over a week ago. This credit system is the direct result of an amendment, passed last year, that some credit plan be worked out whereby no one student may hold too many offices, to the detriment of his own time and other's perhaps hidden ability. This system as worked out, is amenable enough in that while not radical, some few changes in policy will be necessitated. It is a decided advance for Alfred, a fair and excellent system.

### AG TATTLER

Alfred Burkett is at Ithaca attending the Tractor school.

Profs. Cone and Sheffield and Miss Wood attended Farmers' Week at Cornell University.

On February 11th, George Place, son of Prof. Place, told us of his experiences while in service.

E. E. Pool, formerly superintendent of the State Farm, attended Farm and Home week. At present he is located at Batavia.

Miss Helen Mead and Thomas Staples took part in Prof. Wingate's recital at Ag School.

Misses Clara Lewis and Helen Mead are attending the conference of the Albany Student Volunteer Conference at Albany.

On February 10th Prof. Place spoke to the members of the Alfred Agricultural Association on Forestry. His lecture covered all phases of that branch of agriculture.

At the Batchelor Club meeting held February 12, Thomas Staples spoke on the life of Abraham Lincoln. Carlton Jones gave the various processes that substitute buttons undergo.

On February 15th the Ag School basketball team journeyed to Mansfield where they were defeated by the Normal quintet. Those who made the trip were Prof. Thornton, Ellison, Luffman, Lewis, Mullany, Newton, and Jones.

The Ag School was fortunate to have Hazel Humphreys of the College, give a few readings at the regular Assembly period of Feb. 13th.

During Farm and Home Week the Ag girls prepared and served lunch to visitors. It was seen to that none went away hungry.

The Alfred Agricultural Association will hold their annual banquet March 10. The committees are working hard and a successful banquet will be the result of their labors.

Wallace Robinson took part in the Junior play at Firemens Hall, Feb. 22.

Lewis Gasper and George Gross, formerly of Ag School, were present during the Farm and Home Week.

### CLAN ALPINE HAS A NEW HOME

Clan Alpine has secured for its home for next year the residence of Mrs. Morton on West University street. This

house will accommodate a larger number and will be nearer to the college buildings than its present house on Terrace street. It is expected that the Clan will have a pleasant and prosperous life in its new home.

### ATTENTION!

#### The O. M. A. Speaks

To a certain class:

Life is but an illusive step-ladder—we start our climbing when we leave grammar school and perch seemingly about three rungs from the top. By our Senior year in high school we wonder how we could have thought ourselves so high—although now we're sure near the top—maybe four rungs below. We look at the world from above—and decide to show up some college professors. Eventually we land in Alfred. We feel that while there may be a few who deserve our respect, it's simply because they came here before we did, and should have the benefit of the doubt. We are met in good spirit by our fellow students, but they do persist in asking why we don't do this or that, or else are always explaining some foolish rules to us.

The scene changes:—In a secluded, dimly lit room are met an assemblage which bears all the appearances of an important court room. The night is chilly and damp. The members converse quietly with one another. The whole atmosphere gives an air of solemnity not often sensed among college students. But why are they thus assembled? And who are they?

For many years there has existed a society which has labored under the sign of O. M. A. They are a self-authorized body and consist of members—the best—of our school,—the ones who are unwilling to see traditions and standards of the college walked on. They meet to escort those across the threshold, who are wont to burst in unescorted. And their strength lies in their sincerity. Every year brings a new few who are come to display their learning and who look upon our rules and traditions as "queer old reliques." Offenses made against these "reliques" touch a sore spot in many a loyal Alfredian. But for the most part these transgressions are below the scope of the Student Senate and must be treated elsewhere. It is just such cases as this that the sacred order of O. M. A. treat. So just a fraternal word in parting. If this articles applies to you, quiet down or—something—sometime! And forsake all idea that the O. M. A. is a society for fun and that they mean anything but business. So stick to your "Hints to Freshmen" and stay that "I'm the guy" attitude and "God bless our happy home."

### LECTURES BY DR. JEROME

Friday night Dr. Jerome, a well-known Y. M. leader, gave a lecture

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to the students and community men on "Sex Sanitation." Dr. Jerome is certainly a man with a personality. He gave us valuable facts in our own language, but it was the forcefulness and the character behind it that sent his words home. We can honestly appreciate the term "Dad" applied to him. Dr. Jerome also lectured on Saturday to the women. He came to Alfred under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

### YOUNG PREXIE IS BACK!

B. Colwell Davis, '20, arrived most unexpectedly in Alfred last Friday night. He was sent back from "over there" only a short time ago and has since been at Camp Dix. Young Prexie has a 20 day leave now, and his discharge will probably be sent to him here during that time.

### NOTES

Treasurer Curtis F. Randolph and Mrs. Randolph spent last week-end in Batavia.

Mr. Lyman S. Alger of New York City was a business caller at the college last Thursday.

President Davis was in Little Genee on Friday, conducting the funeral of Mrs. Lewis.

President Davis will spend a few days of this week in New York.

### SENIOR PARTY

On Saturday evening, Feb. 15, Hazel Truman entertained the seniors at her home. This was the second of the many senior parties which are being planned. Everyone had just the best time imaginable and every single senior is most anxious for the next party to come.

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## FEBRUARY

The hour glass of the shortest month of the year has nearly run out. The four short weeks in February have not the saving grace of Leap Year's extra day—and this year February must slip again into that obscurity, as it has every previous year, from which there is no recall.

A month is such a little thing. Some times its only twenty-eight days, and sometimes its thirty-one, but at its best, its just a series of alternating days and nights. It doesn't make a particle of difference what month of the year it is—events will happen in their regular order, be it June or October. If February had been named August, we would have celebrated George Washington's birthday on the 22d just the same, and Abe Lincoln's on the 12th. It's a curious fact that this month has been one especially concerned with the four greatest Americans—perhaps the four greatest men in the world. Washington and Lincoln are of prime importance and the shade cast by the death of America's great hunter, warrior and statesman has only been slightly lightened by the passing of time. President Wilson stands in the lime-light of the world—the greatest figure of our age. With such men to represent our country, we find its a fine and noble feeling to belong to our great democracy.

Little February, then, has a few redeeming features. It's a patriotic month, and it is short, which is a great help. But for all that, it's a mean, blue month. It is slippery and sloppy and it's a tired, disgruntled four weeks for every one. Things rather get on one's nerves. One wishes a change might be made, from this everlatsing round of daily duties. Moreover, when one has lived harmoniously with many others for a whole winter, it doesn't seem so strange that outward surroundings after such a long time, begin to pall a little. One is given to believing himself a martyr to the cause of his fellow men. A mountainous and unhealthy wave of self pity is apt to completely wipe out every vestige of life's joy, and make the world, especially in February, a place quite unfit for human habitation. We can't all be Washingtons—we tell too many lies—nor yet can we all be brought up in log cabins, or hunt wild African beasts, or sail in a floating palace to France and there preside over the nations of the world. We are only poor little college students—

It sure is a lucky thing that March will soon supplant February.

There is an idea prevalent in the average college student that the more classes he can get out of, the luckier he is. This attitude is not at all wholesome, logical nor beneficial to the clear-thinker. Most of us do not realize that the tables are exactly turned—the more classes he misses, the unluckier he is. We do not realize that each class we go to costs us between 20 and 30 cents at the lowest. That is in just actual expenses for the average student. We miss classes or go unprepared to maybe one or two classes a week. This means a definite loss of between \$9 and \$18 a school year. So think it over and get the idea that you are being cheated when there is no class. When you're late to class or go without your lesson you are cheating yourself—not fooling the professors.

Have you ever noticed that it is always the busy person who has time to help you out when you need a lift? That it is the busy person who finds time to work for the College, his class, and his friends? And have you observed that the individual with the most leisure time is usually too busy to rise to the emergency when he is asked to contribute a few of his precious moments to College duties? Of course you have noticed it. But have you ever thought what caused it? The secret is wrapped up in the little word *Inertia*.

A machine commonly runs better after it has passed through the starting stage—frequently accompanied by some mechanical coughing and sneezing. Some such generalization might also be made of people overcoming their inertia and getting started at being busy. The beginning may be accompanied by some effort but it isn't half bad when they are really started.

The things which make College life worth while are being done by the people who are devoting their time to "doing the duty which lies nearest." And because it is true that people get out of life just as much as they put into it, our industrious friends are being amply repaid in the heightened respect of their friends and in a fuller appreciation of what college has to give. The saying is trite but true. "The more you do, the more you can do." Come on and get in the swim—the water's fine.

In our great college organization there are defects—as there are in any organization. Although we are adverse to the spirit of knocking, there is one defect that is so noticeable that we can't help calling attention to it. Our co-educational system of the college is protected by Sigma Alpha Gamma and Dormitory rules. One of these says that there shall be no entertaining in the dormitory on any nights except Friday and Sunday and it is this missing link that is the defect. We have many Saturday nights—once a week to be precise—and it doesn't always humor the weather to be good on Saturday nights. Yet very often there is no entertainment nor amusement of any kind going on. And so if a girl wishes to entertain she has no alternative—except to promenade the streets—which is undesirable. As this is also often unpleasant, it leads to occupying the college buildings. There is no denying, that this is very objectionable, and is strictly against the direct object of the rules. It is extremely detrimental to the social welfare of the school. Yet why is this necessary? Simply because there always has existed a rule—quite without motive—which bars a girl from remaining in her temporary "home." Can not this be remedied? It is a simple thing, and there is no practical good in the regulation, while there is a great deal of harm done—and often one of the larger objects of life at stake.

A Question.

## CALENDAR OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

This week the Fiat is printing a list of the main calendar events of the student body. The calendar takes in all the ordinary listed activities up to Commencement, as noted by the Student Senate. It will be supplemented every week, as new entertainments or other forms of activities are added to the list. Women of the College need take out no special permits for any affairs on the College Calendar, since permission has been granted for these regular events by the Student Senate:

Calendar	
Juniors entertain Freshmen and Sophomores entertain Seniors	Feb. 15
Sigma Alpha Gamma	Feb. 17
Basketball: Soph. vs. Frosh	Feb. 19
Kanakadea Benefit entertainment	Feb. 22
Sigma Alpha Gamma	Feb. 25
Footlight Tryout play	Feb. 26
Clan Alpine Banquet	March 6
Sigma Alpha Gamma	March 11
Freshmen entertained by the President	March 17
Term examinations	March 17-19
Spring recess	March 19-25
Vacation Assembly	March 25
Registration day	March 26
Sigma Alpha Gamma	April 1
Junior play	April 10
Sigma Alpha Gamma	April 15
Third College Assembly	April 24
Sigma Alpha Gamma	April 29
Nomination of student senators	May 7
Sigma Alpha Gamma	May 13
Election of student senators and Revision of Campus Rules	May 14
Interscholastic Girls Speaking Contest	May 20
Interscholastic day	May 21
Sigma Alpha Gamma	May 27
Election of class officers	May 28
Interclass day	May 29
Decoration day	May 30
Sigma Alpha Gamma	June 10
Final examinations	June 9-13
Commencement Week	June 16-18
Final College Assembly	June 18

## JUNIOR-FRESHMAN PARTY

Cupid's quiver of arrows announced the Valentine party which the Juniors gave for the Freshmen on Saturday evening, Feb. 15. At 8 o'clock they gathered, eighty of them, the happiest eighty that Alfred has seen for a long time.

They were all given hearts—the boys to write proposals and the girls acceptances. Heinie Harrington and Julia Wahl was the fortunate couple, for theirs were the best and so they were married, with Louis Collin for minister. The couple was well attended and properly showered with rice after the ceremony.

Hardly was one thing over when something else quite as interesting and unusual was furnished to entertain. The girls threw their hearts from the balcony and they were promiscuously picked up by the men below. Each man then claimed the girl whose heart he had found.

About 10:30 every man was given a dunce cap with some noted lover's name on it and the girls were given masks with the corresponding ladies' names on them. The boys by their new names found their partners and escorted them to the dining room, where they found a delicious supper

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Saints and Sinners  
Miss Keegan As You Like It  
Marion Roos Greeting  
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We are promised with a little treat next Wednesday in Assembly. The Sophomores are prepared to raise our spirits to such an attitude that they won't recede all during the remainder of the service. And being a class of unique ideas they will probably fulfill our expectations. So those who do not usually honor us with their presence had better come.

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**LIBRARIANSHIP AS A PROFESSION**

This paper is prepared especially for those college students who may be considering librarianship as a profession. Every college man and woman ought to have a knowledge of library work sufficient at least, to organize a high school library. A knowledge of methods is of value in almost any line of work both in the professional and industrial world. A student of library economics one year ago in Alfred University writes from France: "My library economics course having helped me so many times, I cannot but drop you a line that you may know. I have been doing office work continuously since I came to France and no one thing has helped me more."

Librarianship as a profession, is comparatively new. Only within the past few years have librarians been looked upon as members of a growing profession. When we speak of law, medicine, teaching, etc., we speak of professions that have years of professionalism behind them to give them prestige. However, a professional esprit de corps is gradually forming itself around trained librarians and the profession is slowly but surely coming into its own. I might mention a few qualifications necessary to add dignity and effectiveness to this growing profession.

First. There are the physical requirements. The person seeking a library position must recognize that it will require good health, an even temper, quickness of apprehension and resourcefulness. Hours will be long, there will be much standing and walking, reaching high shelves for large books and bending to reach the lower shelves. The work will constantly require buoyant spirits, enthusiasm and sweetness under all trying circumstances.

Second. The educational qualifications. The library has on its shelves literature on all subjects. The librarian must be familiar with the resources of his or her library. He must have a fair working knowledge as one has said of almost everything under the sun. The questions propounded to the ordinary librarian in a working day illustrate this fact. If a patron asks for a book which she thinks is called "Fresh Air in Jerusalem" the librarian must of course know that what she really desires is the book called "Out of Doors in the Holy Land" by VanDyke; or, if perchance she calls for a book entitled "If You Get It Keep It" the librarian must anticipate her request and bring down from the shelf "To Have And to Hold" by Mary Johnson. To successfully meet all the requests that naturally come to any librarian he must have a library viewpoint and be in sympathetic touch with the world's best literature. This means wide and discriminating reading and constant study in the realm of his profession. To be familiar with the most recent fiction may not suffice. He should have an appreciative understanding of the great masters of literature, Shakespeare, Bacon, Milton, and others. He would do well to appreciate the ideal creations of Hawthorne, the life pictures of George Eliot, the imagination of Hugo and the masterful expressions of Thackeray; he must not be insensible to the finer strains that the poets of our own country sing in

the music of Bryant, Longfellow, Whittier, Holmes, and Lowell; he must talk with more or less familiarity of the great books of life such as Dante and Goethe, the high ideals of Tennyson, the lofty strains of Milton, or the humor of Dickens or the idealism of our own Emerson. A knowledge of the dramatic and harmonious effects of such writers as Scott and Burns will prove a stimulus to all library workers.

The library is one of the most useful agencies that ministers to community life and betterment. Its possibilities for helpful service are unlimited. Mr. Dewey says the time has come when the library is really a school and the librarian is in the highest sense a teacher, and the visitor is a reader among the books as a workman among his tools. Previous training of some sort is conducive to the best preparation for service.

Third. Technical knowledge is necessary. The librarian must be familiar with the technical material in his library; familiar with the classification; with school museums, art galleries, civic and social organizations, child welfare, study clubs, and other organizations in the community. It would also be well to have a fair knowledge of the book and binding trades and be at home in the subject of administration and organization of libraries and be conversant with the different phases of library building construction.

Fourth. Personal qualifications. There is no profession where tact and pleasing address are so necessary. The librarian is in constant touch with the public, with all sorts of personalities to deal with. He must be a walking encyclopaedia, a veritable repository of knowledge, and yet if he has not geniality, forbearance, together with real love for the work and for those whom he serves, he is more or less a misfit in his position. Sincere love for library work relieves it of drudgery and makes such service a constant delight in the thought that he is serving the larger community of which he is a part. Every library should be 75% librarian and 25% books. This means that his personality and character must ever be a vital factor in his work. He must have wisdom, tact, and dynamic force sufficient for the administration of his office. The true service of any library will be measured by the extent to which the great world of books under his charge has been made a living, appealing and inspiring reality. To be a successful librarian he must study, classify, subdivide, and index the people outside the library just as effectively as he classifies the books on the shelves. This is necessary if he would judge the tastes, interests, needs and capacities of the people whom he is trying to serve.

C. R. CLAWSON.

**SIGMA ALPHA GAMMA**

Sophomore Program

Sigma Alpha Gamma on Monday evening was the first of a series of class programs. The Sophomores had charge and presented "The Ruggles Family" from Kate Douglas Wiggin's Bird's Christmas Carol. Peg Newinger made an enviable Mrs. Ruggles with her nine children—"the best looking mess as ever was seen." Isabel Mack was a very aggravating Peter

and Emma Schroeder as Sarah Maude, bore the family mannerisms in a proper way.

Shakespeare's world renowned comic tragedy, "Pyramus and Thisbe," from A Midsummer Night's Dream, was also given. Amy VanHorn made Pyramus, the ardent lover, while Isabel Mack, as Thisbe, reciprocated Pyramus' pleas in an irreproachable way. Doris Wilbur as lion failed to frighten the "fair" ladies to any great degree, and Eloise Clarke as Wall and Emma Schroeder as Moon added the necessary scenery to the play. Ice cream cones and little cakes were served.

The Sophomores are to be congratulated on their excellent program and laugh-provoking entertainment.

**Y. W. C. A.**

Y. W. on January 26th, was a song service of favorite songs. On February 2d, our meeting was led by Leota St. John and Isabel Emerson, and the splendid talk by Miss St. John was built about the familiar Bible verse, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." We had more than the usual discussion over this little "if."

February 9th, under the title, "Just Folks," we had an Eight Week Club meeting, led by Mary Hunting and Leah Clarke. Several girls told of Eight Week Clubs in which they had been leaders or members, and Mary Hunting ended with a request that girls willing to have such a club meet for the purpose of starting a training class.

"Some Great Men of Today," Feb. 16th, was led by Gladys Pidcock and Ethel Larson. Among the great men of their selection were President Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt, Harry Emerson Fosdick and John R. Mott. Others told of their favorite heroes, among these Dr. Carrel, or added to the story of those already mentioned.

Our meetings are fine and our average attendance is 28.

**IF**

If you think you are beaten, you are;  
If you think you dare not, you don't.  
If you would like to win, but think you can't,

It's almost a cinch, you won't.  
If you think you'll lose, you've lost,  
For out of the world we find  
Success begins with a fellow's will,  
It's all in the state of mind.  
If you think you're out-classed, you are,

You've got to think high to rise.  
You've got to be sure of yourself,  
Before you can ever win a prize.

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"Some of you can write," So the Fiat ran,  
(I'm some of us all right, so I guess I can)

To see one's name in print, Oh what bliss!

That's the very reason I'm contributing this.

Cash in your credit students, while it's good.

"Some of you can write—" and the rest of you should,  
Mighty men of valor, do the noble deeds.

But let us do our part, and sow the little seeds.

X. Y. Z. (That means me.)

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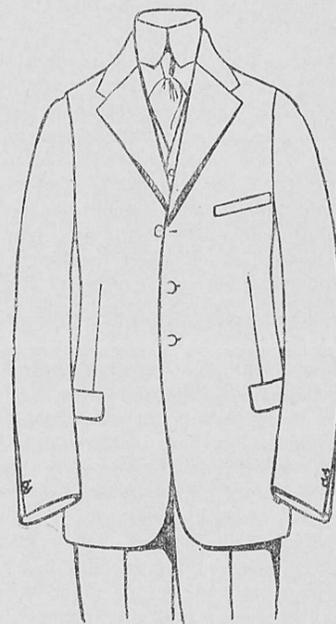
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