

DR. THOMAS SPEAKING CONTEST TO BE HELD LATE IN MAY

May Be Date Set For Preliminaries

On Monday evening, May 13, the preliminaries for the Dr. Thomas Speaking Contest will be held. This event will determine who the final contestant in the contest shall be. No definite date has been set for the final contest, but it will take place some two weeks later than the preliminaries.

This contest, in which Sophomores and Juniors are eligible to take part, is an unusual event. The prizes awarded to the women in the final contest are offered by Mrs. Vandelia Varnum Thomas, Alfred '81, in memory of her late husband, Dr. Thomas. The first award is fifty dollars and twenty-five dollars is the prize offered the second best oration.

Heretofore, this contest has been called the Dr. Thomas Peace contest, but it is intended that on account of present world conditions, the contest shall not be of a pacifist nature. In former years the highest male contestant has had the privilege of representing the college at a state inter-collegiate contest. The fact that this year there is no state contest accounts for the late date on which our contest will be held.

PROF. BENNEHOFF TELLS ASSEMBLY OF CONDITIONS IN ALFRED IN 1839

Last Wednesday morning in assembly Prof. Bennehoff read some very interesting letters written by men who were in Alfred in 1839 and later, describing conditions in Alfred Academy and Alfred College. Among the letters were those written by Wm. C. Kenyon and also by Rev. J. R. Irish. Following is one of the letters written by Wm. C. Kenyon to his wife. Pres. Kenyon was the first president of Alfred University:

Alfred Academy, April 3d, 1839
Dear M—, March 26th I arrived at Utica and took stage for Syracuse. Worse traveling I never saw. We rode all night, being eighteen hours in performing the journey of fifty miles. Our stage broke down twice, creating some little delay and more perplexity, but without serious injury to any one. Found here a flourishing Academy. We took railroad for Auburn. Here is a Theological Seminary well supported, and a Female Seminary, doubtless the better patronized on account of the Theological, as I am informed that there is a great affinity between the inmates of the two Institutions. From here we took stage for Geneva. It has a College and an Academy of some considerable note. The next morning I again took stage for Bath, where we arrived at midnight after a long and comfortable shaking. Next day I started on foot for Alfred, thirty miles distant, traveling over hill and down dale, through mud and snow, seeing for the first half of the distance, nothing but a wilderness and log houses. At 8 o'clock in the evening I arrived at Eld. Ray Green's. He lives two miles from the Academy. Spending the night with him I started next morning, Friday, March 30th, for the

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1919 KANAKADEA APPEARS

Dedication To Professor F. S. Clarke---Book Has Many Good Features

We have learned not to expect novelty in the Kanakadea. If the book speaks truly, the character and achievement of the student body vary little from year to year. One class goes out, another comes in, and so the faces in the book change; the arrangement and general play remain much the same. The observer is not unappreciative of all the effort and time it takes to keep the book up to date, nor of the sure progress which it has made since 1907. Moreover, "ars est celare artium" has too often defaced its own literary efforts for him to be unaware of the credit due those who have early learned its truth. The question persistently presents itself, however, as to whether the book would not gain in interest and variety if it were allowed to take more color from the class which publishes it. In the past it has been professedly a book of the student body, not of a particular class. It tends more and more to become a reflecting surface, presenting us with portraits or rather ghosts of ourselves which we glance at and straight way forget. Would it be a violation of tradition for the Junior class to show us the Alfred world as it appears to them, to catch, if possible, the spirit of a college generation and transmute it into substance?

This year the suggestion is untimely. The observer knows it; 1919 knew it and made no attempt to emphasize its own individuality. Two pages of the Kanakadea, one giving pictures of a few of the Alfred men now in their country's service, the other, excerpts of letters written from France or the training camps, explain why individualism dare not show itself.

These two pages are as good as they are unique in Kanakadea history. The book has another unique feature: it was edited by a college woman, and that, in the first year of woman's suffrage. Perhaps, inasmuch as Miss Wells, the editor, was able to carry the Kanakadea work along with her college work as easily as her predecessors have done, some of the antis may be convinced that women, after all, do not have a single-track mind.

The dedication of the Kanakadea to Prof. Ford S. Clark who has caught a glimpse of the higher life but does not forget to live by the way" expresses a sentiment in which all of Professor Clark's many friends readily concur.

The decorative worth, weighs possibly less this year than usual, but it deserves an individual word. There are reasons why it should weigh less than in former years. It has obviously been made intentionally slight in common with all such ventures in decoration which the pressure of living must weaken at present. In simplicity and suitability to the text, it has been made fully worthy of Kanakadea tradition, and it exhibits delicate restraint leading in places to the point of weakness. Because the decorative work is an integral part of the book's character and because it would insure unity of tone, it seems regrettable that in this one feature collaboration between the college and the agricultural sections has not been effected. "Carry on" was the motto which guided 1919 in the making of the Kanakadea. The class is to be congratulated on having so ably realized its aim.

INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET TO BE LARGER THAN LAST YEAR

Manager Sherwood reports that this week has brought several more entries to the Interscholastic Track Meet to be held the 15th of May. At the present the entries for the track events number around ninety with seven or eight High School represented. There are over twenty entries for the Prize Speaking Contest held in connection with the Meet. Elmer Mapes '20, has been appointed to take charge of the Speaking Contest. Prof. Thornton of the Agricultural School reports a large number of entries for the Stock Judging Contest held the morning of the Meet, at the Ag barns. Several cups have been offered as prizes for the winning teams of the Stock Judging Contest as well as the regular cups and medals offered for the Prize Speaking Contests and the winning track teams.

2d Lieutenant George Blumenthal has been assigned to a regiment during the past month. The heavy guns are mounted on cars and the whole battery live on the trains at the front and travel to and from the front. They shoot the shells about eight miles and the shells are very destructive.

To save money is to save life.

ALFRED HAS OVER SUBSCRIBED ITS QUOTA

Alfred has already reached its quota for the Third Liberty Loan, and thus has won the distinction of being the first town in Allegany County to reach its quota. But what is more, the subscribed amount has been oversubscribed by one thousand dollars. Aside from the ready response to do its share that Alfred has always shown, much of the success of the Third Liberty Loan is due to the excellent work done by the ladies' committee. The aim now is to make Alfred reach the \$25,000 mark.

CONSUMER'S LEAGUE HELPS IN PASSAGE OF NICOLL MESSENGER BILL

Due undoubtedly to the fact that women now have political power, the Assembly in its closing hours, after a bitter fight on the part of the opposition, passed the Nicoll Messenger Service bill 94-10. This bill, which had the support of most of the prominent women's organizations including the Consumers' League, New York State Woman Suffrage Party, Women's City Club, Council of Women's Organizations, Women's Municipal League, and the Women's Republican Club, prohibits the employment of girls under 21 years of age as messengers; for women over 21 years of age it limits employment to 6 days a week, 9 hours a day and prohibits their working between 10 P. M. and 7 A. M.

The bill, although opposed by the messenger service companies, passed the Senate early in the week. It came up for vote in the Assembly late Friday night and due to the lateness of the hour and amidst much confusion, the opposition through Assemblyman Welsh carried a motion to recommit the bill. A motion immediately made to reconsider the vote was lost and the bill was considered dead for this session.

Not to be easily defeated, Miss Jane Pincus Executive Secretary of the Consumers League of New York State who was leading the fight for this bill, started action to get the Committee on Rules discharged. On a roll call such a motion was sustained late on the closing day of the session and the committee was discharged by a vote of 79-23. This is said to be the first time Rules Committee has been discharged since 1913. The women won out on the final roll call 94-10.

Upon being asked whether women received more consideration this year from the legislature than in preceding years, Miss Pincus said: "There was a marked change in the treatment of women this year at Albany. Our representatives were more approachable and we were able to talk to them on a different plane. We found that they were eager to know how women felt about certain bills and wanted to know of the action taken by women's clubs. Despite the fact that there was a recognized unwillingness on the part of the legislature to pass any new measures we were able to pass the messenger bill against great opposition, and were able to defeat three vicious bills breaking down the present restaurant law. Behind the Soule restaurant bills extending the closing hours for women in restaurants from 10 P. M. to 1 P. M. was the lobby of the New York State Restaurant As-

MR. J. G. ROSEBUSH TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ORATION

Commencement Day To Be June Twelve

Although in all probability this year's Commencement will not be so largely attended as usual, nevertheless Commencement week promises to be a successful one. The general outline of the program will be much the same as in former years. One exception is that Commencement Day falls on Wednesday, June 12th. This year, and thus festivities will end one day sooner than usual.

The committee has been fortunate in securing Mr. Judson G. Rosebush of Appleton, Wis., to deliver the Commencement Oration. Mr. Rosebush is well known in Alfred. After graduating from Alfred College in 1900, he pursued courses in the University of Pennsylvania, and also in Cornell University. He then had a Fellowship at Madison University, where he took special work in the department of History and Political Science, after which he became Professor of Economics at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis. Mr. Rosebush has travelled extensively, both in this country, and abroad, where he made a study of languages. Since 1908 he has been president of the Patten Paper Company at Appleton, Wis., and he is also closely connected with several mills and banks in the west. Mr. Rosebush is president of the Loyalty Legion in Appleton, Wis., and has given many patriotic lectures. With his wide experience and range of knowledge, the address which Mr. Rosebush will deliver on Commencement day will be a worthy one. He has not yet disclosed the subject which he will speak on, but it will be something of a patriotic nature.

The Class Day exercises will be held on Tuesday this year as usual. On this day the Ivy and Mantle Oration will be delivered. At a recent meeting of the Senior class, Phyllis Palmer was elected to give the Mantle Oration and Mildred Place was chosen as Ivy Orator. Alumni day will be on Monday. The committee is now at work, arranging the details of the program.

THIRD ASSEMBLY DANCE HELD THURSDAY EVENING

The Third College Assembly was held Thursday evening in Firemens Hall. The hall was beautifully decorated by the Freshmen. Wiley's orchestra of Hornell made their initial appearance and furnished excellent music. The dance was held for the benefit of the basket ball team but unfortunately only a fair sized crowd was in attendance. The patrons were: Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. D. Sherman Burlick and Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Ellis.

sociation, and only the active opposition of women's organizations to any breaking down of our present standards prevented the passage of these bills. Considering the onslaught that has been made this year on labor measure, we feel it is an accomplishment on the part of women to have retained on the Statute books our present laws."

AROUND THE CAMPUS

Donald Fuller '19, spent Sunday at his home in Scio.

Meredith Maxson '18, spent Saturday evening in Hornell.

William Nichols '20, visited over the week-end at his home in Bolivar.

Miss Mildred Carney '21, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Hornell.

Miss Beatrice Streeter '20, visited over the week-end at her home in Bolivar.

President Davis was in Hornell on business for the \$100,000 Campaigns last Tuesday.

Mrs. Ira Erown was the guest of Mrs. Nellie Merriman at the Brick room from Thursday to Monday.

Robert Sherwood '19, was in Hornell Tuesday and helped the "drys" become victors over the "wets."

Donald Hagar '19, met with a very painful accident Tuesday afternoon in the Chemistry laboratory. Don was swinging between the desks and slipped and fell upon one of the waste crocks, cutting his arm and limb severely.

Miss Margaret Neusinger '21, is able to be out again after being confined to her room for several days; she met with an accident Tuesday afternoon when a little express wagon she was riding in clashed into the railing of the bridge near Burdick Hall.

Harold Reid '20 was in Wellsville Friday on business.

Dr. J. N. Norwood delivered a Liberty Loan address in Angelica last night.

Miss Jessica Davis, Alfred '17, has signed a contract to teach English in the Corning Northside High School for next year.

The Juniors are practicing faithfully for their play "Oliver Twist" which will take place the first or second week in May.

President Davis left Thursday evening for the East where he will aid Prof. Paul E. Tittsworth in his work for the \$100,000 Campaign Fund.

Miss Dorothy Kinney of Wellsville was a visitor in Alfred Thursday evening where she attended the dance given for the benefit of the basket ball team.

Dr. J. N. Norwood spoke before the Parent Teachers' Association at the Corning North Side High School last Wednesday evening. His topic was "Education and Democracy's Crisis."

Edward Saunders '17, who is pursuing an electrical engineering course in Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has enlisted in the Naval Reserve Force, under a government arrangement which allows strictly technical students to remain in school until the completion of their courses when they will be re-examined for commissions.

SOMETHING WE ALL OUGHT TO KNOW

Get posted on these and when some chaps are sitting around assuming to tell everyone what they know as to what numbers constitute certain divisions of our army, set them right. The following are the facts:

An army corps is 60,000 men.
An infantry division is 19,000 men.
An infantry brigade is 7,000 men.
A regiment of infantry is 3,000 men.
A battalion is 1,000 men.
A platoon is 60 men.
A corporal's squad is 11 men.
A firing squad is 20 men.
A field battery has 195 men.
A supply train has 283 men.
A machine gun battalion has 296 men.

An engineer's regiment has 1,098 men.

An ambulance company has 66 men.
A field hospital has 55 men.

A medicine attachment has 13 men.
A major general heads the field army and also each army corps.

A brigadier general heads each infantry brigade.

A colonel heads each regiment.
A lieutenant colonel is next in rank below a colonel.

A major heads a battalion.
A captain heads a company.
A lieutenant heads a platoon.

A sergeant is next below a lieutenant.

A corporal is a squad officer.—Lawrentian.

VASSAR ALUMNI START CAFETERIA

The Vassar Alumni of Washington, D. C., will start a cafeteria for Government Employees. With the assistance and advice of the North and West Extension Divisions of the State Relations Service of the Department of Agriculture the District of Columbia branch of the Vassar Alumni has procured a large house on Thirteenth Street Southwest near the Department of Agriculture buildings which will be opened and operated in the interest of Government employees. This building will be used as a residence for a limited number of the women employees of the Department.

The chief feature of the building will be a cafeteria which will be run in accordance with Food Administration ideas. This cafeteria will provide noon time meals for those coming in to be served and also hot box lunches which may be sent to those desiring them throughout the various Department buildings.

Well balanced evening meals are to be prepared in the kitchens of this cafeteria. These may either be carried home in containers by the employees, or a delivery system may be provided which will convey the food to different sections of the city. The object of serving these hot meals is not alone for the convenience of purchasers but is as well to serve the educational purpose of demonstrating the uses of meat and wheat substitutes as advocated by the Department of Agriculture.

FRATERNITY PROVIDES HOME FOR COLLEGE GIRLS

Members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity who are resident in Washington are making arrangements to provide a fraternity home for members employed in Government work. Through the efforts of Miss Letta Brock of Bloomington, Illinois, a house at 1413 Massachusetts Avenue has been secured and was opened on March 1. The resident Kappas are lending their time and aid by supporting the new house, which will do its part in solving the housing problems at Washington.

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OUR ASSOCIATIONS

Y. M. C. A.

Last Sunday evening Elmer Mapes gave a very fine talk on "The State," which was followed by a lively discussion. Mr. Mapes brought up the following topics, explaining them briefly and then opened the meeting for a discussion of the points: Definition of a State; Society an organism; the State an organ; form or nature of a State; the development of the State within the United States; and the government of the State today.

Next Sunday evening the topic will be "The Church."

Y. W. C. A.

April 21, 1918

Marion Roos and Jean Baxter led a very interesting meeting on "Wishing and Willing." Briefly it was said that wishing and willing are very different. A wish is an unsought-for desire, coming from no one knows where, and with no necessary result; while if one wills to do anything, one really promises to do it. Willing is obedience. Willing brings reality in-

to our religion but needs wishing to back it. As a man willeth, that much does he accomplish. By using our wills in the right direction, we form habits of choosing the right in preference to the wrong. This does not exclude feeling from religion, or moments of great inspiration. Though we may develop our will power to a great extent, we should give our will into God's keeping, that it may become, not stubborn and obstinate, but truly strong.

CABINET MEMBERS

The Y. W. C. A. Cabinet members for next year have been chosen. They are as follows:

Finance committee—Hollis Law
Missionary committee—Hilda Ward
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The editor wishes to state by way of explanation to those who wish to contribute material to the columns, that only such material is desired as is deemed worthy of a place in a college paper. This statement accounts for the non-appearance of contributions which were left at the office for publication in this week's Fiat.

There are many ways in which this spring is very, very different from any other that we here in Alfred have ever known, and yet some of us seem unbelievably oblivious to the fact. Why? Just because it takes all kinds of people to make up a world, and likewise the individuals who together constitute our student body are more or less of an heterogenous mass. Unfortunately, there must needs be some individuals in our midst who cannot direct their energies in the right channels; fortunatly there are few of this type in Afred. There are students who fulfill their duties from day to day as best they know how. Do you, or do you let things go on from day to day in that slip-shod, hit or miss way? Just because it happens to be a balmy, sleepy, sort of spring day, do you attribute your feeling of disinclination to spring fever and follow the line of least resistance? Have you forgotten that there are thousands of boys on our battle fields who are suffering sacrifices and deprivation and even death that you might enjoy the liberty, justice and freedom which is now yours? And yet, will you take this indifferent, laissez-faire attitude toward the work which is yours to do?

Only six more weeks of actual school work remain before Commencement will be here, only six more weeks in which you may or may not do your level best. Only six more weeks of this school year remain in which

you can prove to yourself as well as others, that the fruits that you have gathered have been worthy of the opportunities that have been given you. Though our boys may give the supreme sacrifices of their lives in this gigantic struggle, they will have accomplished but little if we here at home have not so prepared ourselves that we may complete the great task that will be ours after this great war has ended. Never before, in all history, have greater responsibilities been placed before the college man and the college woman. The work which will make the world safe for democracy will not be accomplished when we have defeated our opponents, when the war is ended. There will be a period of reconstruction after this war as there has been after every other war in history; a period when conditions must be adjusted to the new order of things, and it will necessarily be a time of disorder and destruction.

In such a period of reconstruction which we must inevitably look forward to, it is the trained man and the trained woman who will be the dominant forces in again putting our political, social and industrial machinery into working order. It is the men and women who are now receiving the higher training in our colleges and universities who will be expected to carry on the ideals which this war will have won for you. You, as a college man or as college woman, will be expected to take part in this work. Will you be ready? The days that have passed can never be recalled; if you have not made the most of them, it is only to be lamented. But the future lies before you, and it is yours to make the most of. Let each and every student realize to the fullest, what his or her real duty is, and in the six weeks of school that remain, let each one do his utmost to fulfill that duty, and thereby be the better prepared to fulfill the bigger duties which shall later be ours.

MOVIES

In spite of the plea for a larger attendance, Firemens Hall was not very crowded last Tuesday night, when the Athletic Association again put on movies. Since there is a debt which must be liquidated, it seems as if the least we college students can do is to attend these movies and help a bit. The townspeople have backed the college nobly in this project and we ask for their continued support.

The movies were exceptionally good on Tuesday. They were run by a Hornell operator and the play itself was one enjoyed by all. The "Vodvil" was short but very harmonious and we could have wished that the famous quartet had favored us with more of their melodious songs.

This week the movies will be shown on Wednesday evening and the proceeds will be turned over to the Glee Club. An additional feature will be offered in "Vod-vil" presented by the Brick girls. We are sure that the Hall will be well filled!

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EXCHANGE COLUMN

A hot campaign is now being urged at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis., for the sale of Thrift and War Saving Stamps.

The women at Syracuse have adopted a "penny-a-day-scheme" by which each student contributes one cent daily to the Red Cross. This sum amounts to over a hundred dollars a week.

The committee of Faculty of Iowa Wesleyan College has decided to abandon the teaching of German after this year. It is expected that the action will have the approval of the board of trustees at their next meeting.

Seven fraternities of the University of Pittsburg have endorsed the adoption of the honor system and as a result have petitioned the Student Senate to draw up a plan of action respecting the honor system which is to be presented to the student body.

Dakota Wesleyan University made a distinct all college contribution to the war program recently when a "speeding-up" process was adopted and as a result, the school year will be shortened by approximately five weeks, placing the commencement in the first week of May. The end is achieved by having classes each day in the week combining the Saturday forenoon and the Monday afternoon classes into one day.

Dr. Eiserhardt, Professor of German at the University of Rochester, has tendered his resignation to the faculty. His reason for this action was that he felt that public sentiment was against him. President Rhees of the University upholds the German professor, and the ground for his belief that public sentiment was against him seems to be the result of the statement by the Rochester Division of the Military Training Camp Association, which criticized the university for retaining him on the faculty. The letter of resignation seems to show evidence of the loyalty and honesty which Dr. Eiserhardt held for the university.

SIGMA ALPHA GAMMA

The meeting of the Sigma Alpha Gamma this week will be held on Tuesday evening. The program is in charge of the Sophomores. The program of the next meeting will be in charge of the Freshman girls, who are already at work on their program. After the meeting will be held the election of officers for the coming year.

GLEE CLUB MAY TAKE MORE TRIPS

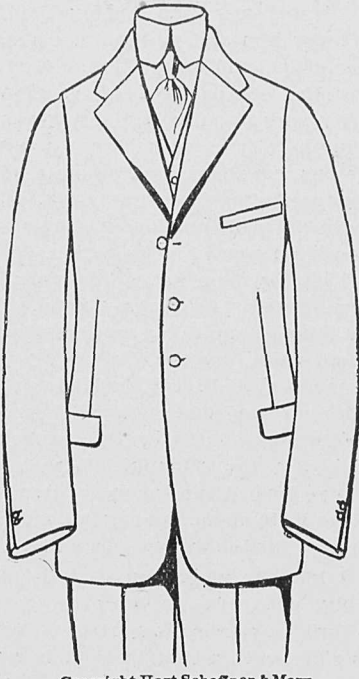
Prof. Wingate has received a letter from Woodhull asking for the University Glee Club to furnish a concert there in May. Last year the Club gave a very excellent concert in Woodhull before a very large audience.

Dansville cancelled a date for the latter part of March and said they hoped a date could be arranged for sometime in May. What the Club lacks is a second bass. Director Wingate and Manager Sherwood have been looking for the right man. When he is found these two dates and probably more will be arranged.

LELAND A. COON ARRIVES SAFELY IN FRANCE

Word was received Monday morning by Robert M. Coon of the Chemistry Department that his brother, Leland A. Coon '14, had arrived safely in France. About three weeks ago Mr. Coon arrived at Camp Meritt, an embarkation camp. Robert Coon visited his brother at Camp Meritt Easter Sunday.

Leland Coon is the author of "Nestled Away 'Neath the Empire State Hills," that song which we all like the best of all of Alfred's songs and which we hope will again be the Alma Mater as it was some years ago.



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Academy. Found the Principal, J. R. Irish, well, and glad to see me.

The term closed the same day, so I was just in time to attend the examinations. The school assembled at 9 o'clock. I was escorted into the room and introduced to the school in due order by its Principal. It was composed of girls and boys, or rather young ladies and gentlemen, about forty in number. I surveyed them very closely, I can assure you, and discovered many intelligent countenances. The examination occupied the entire day. I was much pleased with the promptness manifested by the pupils in answering questions. There were many scholars that might be considered excellent in the branches which they had pursued; nor were the attainments of the scholars in general of an inferior order—showing a familiar knowledge of their studies. I was led to form an exalted idea of their attainments. A large number of visitors were in attendance, and, altogether, it was an interesting occasion.

My school commences the first day of May. Eleven weeks constitute a term, and four terms a year. I do not expect it will be very large this summer, likely about thirty scholars. I have an arduous work before me. I shall have to teach Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Surveying, Bookkeeping, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Botany, Astronomy, Zoology, Geology, Mental and Moral Philosophy, besides Latin, Greek, etc., etc., and preparing and delivering a course of lectures on Chemistry and Natural Philosophy, accompanied with experiments, in the course of next Fall and Winter Terms. Judge now of the leisure I shall have.

This day, Brother Irish, according to previous appointment, was, after examination, ordained to the gospel ministry in the presence of a crowded audience. The day has been observed by the church as a day of solemn fasting and prayer. The season was one of thrilling interest. He is now the Rev. J. R. Irish, with the solemn responsibility of a public servant of God upon him. The church, over which he has been set as the under shepherd, numbers between five and six hundred. The position is a very

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responsible one, and will require his undivided attention. May the Lord prosper him and make him eminently useful in building up Zion, and elevating the standard of piety. The society here is quite interesting and the church is in a very happy and prosperous condition. The state of religious feeling is encouraging, and the Lord is still graciously moving forward the chariot of salvation.

I have a room in the "Cadmus," and am located much to my mind. The building is quite a comfortable one. pleasantly located, finished with a dome and ball. Eld. Irish will be with me part of the time. I feel myself quite honored by the privilege of enjoying the "dominie's" society. I have formed an acquaintance with several families, among whom there is great freedom and cordiality.

I like the place much. It is rather hilly, not more so however, than to afford an agreeable variety. The soil is rich, and on the whole, it is a very pleasant country, fully answering my expectations. As to the people, I discover nothing of ostentation or show. Their dress is plain and neat, but nothing extravagant, their manners simple and unaffected. They may, perhaps, be considered, by some, rather rude in habits, and destitute of that polish of manners as requisite to good society. This, to some extent, may be correct; yet I must consider them far superior to the great majority of those who make such great pretensions to superior excellencies. You will have perceived, by this time that I am much pleased with my place and the people with whom I am to be associated. I must acknowledge that, thus far, my expectations have been more than realized; whether I shall continue to be thus satisfied, I shall not pretend to predict.

Your obedient servant,
W. C. K.

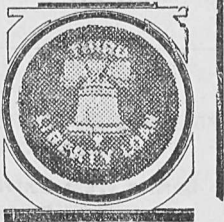
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With glad hearts and gay;
Of murmuring brooks,
Of flowing nooks,
And wore the hours away.
—Shirley '21.

RETURN OF SPRING WATERS

When youthful nature greets again
The streamlet's robe of white.
When frozen waters do unfold
Their nakedness to light;
Then flowing and going and rolling
along,
The waves of the waters bring forth
a new song;
Now gliding, now rippling along on
its way,
The stream of young nature has
gone into play.
Then it gushes and pushes
Away from its source,
And it tears and it breakes
With nature's own force,
And it splashes and dashes
And kisses the shores,
And rushes and passes
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