



## Fiat Lux Fair Scores Big Success

### LARGE AUDIENCE WITNESSED CLEVER PROGRAM-BOOTHS WELL PATRONIZED

The Fiat Lux Fair held last night in Firemens Hall was in every respect a big success. A large audience was in attendance and helped to lighten the Fiat's financial burdens by its liberal patronage of the different booths.

In the hall, with its Christmas and college color decorations, were arranged the booths where all kinds of gifts, banners, flowers, candy and ice cream were sold. These proved very popular and their success reflects favorably on the respective committees in charge.

An unusually good program was presented.

#### A Proposal Under Difficulties

Robert Yardsley—Suitor for the hand of Miss Andrews  
Harold Stout  
Jack Benlow—Suitor for the hand of Miss Andrews  
Cyrus Bloodgood  
Dorothy Andrews—A much loved young woman  
Marie Angell  
Jennie—A house maid  
Nina Ross  
SCENE—A New York Drawing-room  
TIME—Present  
Under direction of Miss Mathilda Tuttle.

Cyrus Kruse, John Beebe

#### Caricature Sketch

A. Drawer  
Guy Rixford  
B. A. Drawer  
"Mike" Kenyon  
Featuring September Morn  
Music  
Quartet

#### My Lord in Livery

Lord Thirlmere  
Erling Ayars  
Spiggott—an old family butler  
Robert Greene  
Hopkins—a footman  
H. Clausen  
Robert—a page  
Herbert Nash  
Sybil Amberley—daughter of Sir Geo.  
Amberley  
Bess Bacon  
Laura—Miss Amberley's friend  
Mildred Taber  
Rose—Miss Amberley's friend  
Mary Saunders  
Under direction of Miss Lucia Weed.  
Mandolin Sketch

The N. Y. S. A. farce, "A Proposal Under Difficulties," was very well received. The work of

the entire cast was very commendable and particular mention should be made of Harold Stout, whose characterization of Robert Yardsley was of first rank.

The mandolin sketch by Kruse and Beebe was a decided hit and this combination will always be certain of a hearty reception.

Rixford and Kenyon's caricature sketch was without doubt the most entertaining event of the evening. In originality and presentation it was highly successful. This pair of comedians is always sure to entertain—their first big number will prove the forerunner of many future performances.

The quartet composed of Messrs Wingate, Place, Fiske and Griffiths, responded to several encores.

"My Lord in Livery" closed the program for the evening in a most satisfactory manner.

Miss Bacon scored her usual success and Harold Clausen, who took his first important part before the footlights, gives promise of remarkable dramatic ability, as does also Miss Taber.

The manager has not yet determined the exact amount of the proceeds, but a substantial sum is assured. Fiat Lux thanks the students and townspeople for their generous patronage.

#### AG FOOTBALL SONG

Tune—"Orange and Black"  
LEIGHTON W. BOYES

We're proud of our boys so sturdy  
Of our team so strong and fast  
They are all of honor worthy  
For they win the games at last.  
Then we'll give a cheer victorious  
To those who bravely fight  
And gain the honors glorious  
For the yellow and the white.  
So we'll sing again together  
The ever glad refrain  
To our School we're loyal ever  
And will always so remain.  
And tho' we may be parted  
From our mates who bravely fight  
We will always be united  
In the yellow and the white.

#### SEVENTEENERS ENTERTAIN

The Sophomore class enjoyed a Christmas Party Tuesday evening, Dec. 15. Various games and stunts, typical of Christmas, were engaged in and the evening was fittingly brought to a close by the unloading of humorous favors from a Christmas tree and the serving of light refreshments. The committee in charge consisted of Hazel Parker, Hazel Perkins, Stanton Davis and Hubert Bliss.

#### NEW BUSINESS MANAGER FOR KANAKADEA

At a meeting of the Junior Class, Wednesday morning, Ford Barnard '16, was elected Business Manager of the Kanakadea to succeed Courtney B. Norton, who resigned on account of the illness of his father. Mr. Barnard is a very capable man, having had considerable experience on city papers, and will make the Kanakadea Board a very valuable man. The Junior Class is indeed fortunate to have so capable a man to fill the vacancy.

#### ASSEMBLY ADDRESS

Prof. Katherine Porter delivered the assembly address Wednesday morning, her topic being "Christmas in Early Puritan Days." Prof. Porter developed her topic by material gathered from exhaustive research into the literature of the period. The paper was most interesting and instructive. A vocal solo by Miss Elizabeth Sullivan was given in place of the regular college songs.

#### A LAZY MAN'S LETTER

I'm in a 10 der mood 2 day  
I feel poetic, 2,  
4 fun I'll just—off a line  
And send it off 2 U.  
I'm sorry U've been 6 o long  
Don't be disconsol8  
But bear your ills with 42d  
And they won't seem 2 gr 8.  
—Ex.

#### NEW OFFICERS FOR AG FRESHMEN

The class of '17 held an election of new officers at their meeting last Wednesday. "The old officers, after considering the question of new officers for the next semester" said the president, "have decided to give other members of the class a chance to hold office." After close running the following were elected:

President—Elliott Wight  
Vice President—Hubert Williams  
Secretary—Marie Angel  
Treasurer—George W. Kull

The class wishes to extend thanks to the outgoing officers for the faithful performance of their duties, and to extend a hearty welcome to the incoming officers. It is requested that the class give the new officers their loyal support in the interests of a successful class organization.

#### N. Y. S. A. ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PRESENTS FOOTBALL A'S

At chapel time on Friday, Dec. 18, A's were presented to the members of N. Y. S. A.'s football team. Because of Coach Fiske's inability to be present at this time, the ceremonies were rather short.

Mr. Stout, president of the Athletic Association, presented A's to the following men: Howard, Manager; Maure, Captain; Allen, Decker, Platt, Zelif, Griffin, Broad, Acker, Conderman, Willey, Barry, Blackmore, Humphrey, Anderson, Wilson, Boyes, Adams.

#### BARNEY TAKES PLACE IN NEW YORK MEET

Corral A. Barney, ex '16, who is attending the New York University, took second place in the half mile at the Y. M. C. A. games last week, time 2.11.

Mr. Barney is the holder of the College record for the half mile here. His time here was 2.18.

# N. Y. S. A.

Fred Conderman—"What is a logarithm?"

Austin—"That's a new kind of fungus they are teaching up at the Ag School."

H. Williams '17, is now connected with the Potter-Shaw Laundry agency.

Bill Woodruff will be missed at station when he goes home on his Christmas vacation.

"Yes, but, my dear Watson, first class wrestlers are as abundant as Hornell street cars."

Plumer and McGough have taken rooms in the Rosebush Block and from now on expect to "live."

Friend—"After all, woman is a weak vessel."

Father (of a few) She may be a weak vessel, but the cost of her rigging would lead me to suppose she is a dreadnought.

The class of '17 extend their heartiest congratulations to their football stars who won their A's this year. Let's hope that more of the class may earn them next season.

## COUNTRY LIFE CLUB

There was a very interesting program rendered at the weekly meeting of Country Life Thursday, Dec. 17, but owing to final exams it was not as well attended as usual.

The program was as follows:  
 "Forgeman's Song" School Selection  
 Mr. Winship  
 Reading Miss Withey  
 Gleanings Mr. Plumer  
 Selection Miss Reynolds

Mr. Winship and Miss Reynolds each read well prepared articles. Miss Withey from the college, gave two very interesting readings which were enjoyed by all.

Mr. Plumer had the most interesting Gleanings of the year. They were original and very well read.

Under "new business" the annual agricultural exhibit was discussed. It was decided to limit the exhibit to potatoes, apples, and domestic science exhibits. We

hope the students will take an interest in this show and when they return from vacation, bring their entries with them.

## PERMANENT RULES ADOPTED TO GOVERN N. Y.

### S. A. APPLE SHOW

1. Exhibits will be gratefully received from all parts of the country, but competition for premiums is limited to fruit grown in New York state.

2. No entry fee will be charged and no charge will be made for space in which to exhibit.

3. All exhibits should be at the school and ready for placing not later than two o'clock the day previous.

4. Fruit sent by mail or express should be addressed to the Fruit Show, New York State School of Agriculture, Alfred, New York.

5. Only one entry may be made by any one exhibitor for the same premium nor may the same fruit be entered in more than one class.

6. Fruit may be exhibited by any person whether they grew the fruit or not; but the fruit should be plainly marked with the correct name of the variety; name and address of the exhibitor, and the name and address of the actual grower of the fruit, except in the case of collections of varieties.

7. No exhibits shall be removed prior to 4 P. M. Friday following the opening day.

8. A "plate" of apples, pears, quinces or peaches consists of five specimens; a "plate" of plums, cherries or nuts consists of twenty specimens; and a "plate" of grapes of five bunches or clusters.

9. A collection shall consist of no less than six varieties.

10. No premium will be awarded, when, in the opinion of the judge the exhibit is not worthy, even though it be the only exhibit in the class.

11. Fruit will be judged ac-

ording to the following scale of points:

1. Form - - - 10 points
2. Size - - - 15 points
3. Color - - - 20 points
4. Uniformity in form, size and color 15 points
5. Quality - - - 20 points
6. Condition - 20 points

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 Carl Horn }

## N. Y. S. A. CHAPEL TALKS

Prof. DuBois had charge of the chapel Thursday, Dec. 17th. His talk was upon Bulletins for the farmer and his home. He gave the most important sources of information, namely: Division of Publication U. S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Experiment Station U. S. Department of Agriculture, Geneva Experiment Station, Cornell Experiment Station and Department of Agriculture at Albany. All of these sources will send lists of available bulletins upon request. Prof. Du Bois emphasized the advantages of reading these publications as all of them contain valuable information.

President Davis addressed the students of N. Y. S. A. during the chapel period on Tuesday, Dec. 15th. He chose for the topic his trip to Richmond, Va., to the Convention of the National Association for Vocational Education which met there with the Commission of Social Service of which President Davis is a member.

At this convention there were nearly four hundred delegates, coming from all states of the union and representing all kinds of industries. A complete survey of the city of Richmond was taken previous to the convention and many remarkable facts were discovered.

President Davis gave statistics concerning the population of Richmond and stated that education is not compulsory in state of Virginia. He also said that the laws of Virginia prohibited children between 7 and 12 years of age from working in factories and as a result, a large number of children of these ages were found in the streets. This was found to be especially true in

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Richmond. President Davis also gave many other statistics concerning vocational education in relation to the industries of the United States.

He also spoke of his excursion to Hampden Normal Institute for negroes at Hampden, Va., and spoke very highly of this Institute as a vocational school of learning. A large number of different occupations are taught including agriculture, which is carried on with the aid of a model farm. The instructors of

the institute are white people. President Davis had the honor of being present at lunch time when the 1400 students marched into the large dining room and sang their grace, a custom which was very impressive. During the luncheon a double quartette of male voices sang old melodies of the south in a way that only negro voices can sing them.

We were very glad to have President Davis with us and a warm welcome will always greet him at N. Y. S. A.

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**AFTER COLLEGE—WHAT?**  
Vocational Chat No. 1

After college, what? Teaching? South America? The farm? Do you realize how wide the world is for college-bred brains? Had you thought that it is very much bigger for you with a college education plus some special training than for almost any other young man or woman? Doubtless fully one-half our college students do not know what the big round earth has in store for them when they shall step from the Commencement platform. Others may know but perhaps they may not have chosen wisely.

There are three factors in the problem: the man, the job, the opportunity. You might ask yourself these questions: What should I like to do most? What can I develop myself into doing best? What kind of work represents for me the chance to grow and serve the community? What job will give me adequate compensation plus?

Any of the undersigned—the Vocational Bureau of Alfred University—will be glad of a chance to help you to a possible answer to the above questions. Perhaps we can afford you only slight assistance, but let us try. If you know of something you would really like to do but are baffled by lack of information as to openings, and so on, we can perhaps connect you up with just what you want.

The Vocational Bureau was established some years ago by the Twentieth Century Club—an association of the younger alumni of Alfred. The services of the Bureau are free to you and are made possible by the generosity of the Club and the Alumni Association of the University.

Signed Ford S. Clarke  
J. Nelson Norwood  
Paul E. Titsworth

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

Sunday evening the Y. W. C. A. prayer meeting was in charge of Eva Williams and Miss Binns. The room was lighted with candles so as to give the girls more of a Christmas atmosphere while Miss Binns gave her delightful talk on "Christmas Candles" Special Christmas music was furnished by Mildred Taber and Mable Hood.



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Those members of the student body who can skate or would wish to acquire the habit may be pleased to learn that we will soon have a modern skating rink. Plans have been drafted by a progressive committee, the pursuance of which would transform that portion of the campus just south of the Carnegie into a small, but nevertheless, slippery skating rink. In case the village supply of water should give out a method for melting snow by currents of hot air could very well be instituted. The snow after a treatment in this way could be poured upon the lawn and re-frozen. At any rate the project is possible and may become probable. Agitate the matter.

## BUDDING GENIUS MANIFESTED IN ADVICE TO EDITORS

Following is an anonymous letter received at our office this week:

To the Editors of Fiat Lux,

Sirs: Being a subscriber of the Fiat Lux, I feel that a suggestion or two will not be overlooked.

The paper as a whole is uninteresting and can be greatly improved. First; I think, were the publication, one (\$1.00) dollar a year and the Editorial staff increased covering a variety of departments, our paper would be worth both the time the editors spent on it and the increased "paid for" subscriptions. The writer feels that our paper could be much improved should departments such as: literary—comic—athletics and advertisement be created. Each department doing its best work in their respective branch. A few good short stories, cartoons, a comment column and a list of exchanges would encourage the number of paid subscribers and the popularity of our paper.

A STUDENT.

We are grateful for this well-meaning effort to save our paper from immediate destruction, but before we accept the advice we would crave our critic's indulgence while we establish a point or two. First, this is a **College Weekly Paper**, not a high school literary magazine, nor an illustrated Sunday paper with a comic section, fashion guide, sporting page and departments devoted to "Heart to Heart Talks with our Readers," "Advice to Young Lovers," etc. Secondly, let us inform our "Student" that it would have been perfectly safe for him to sign his name to his epistle. We should not have eaten him, and we might have taken him more seriously. Besides, how shall we know whom to call upon for advice in effecting the reforms suggested? He has only sketched his proposition here, and that rather hastily; we should like a more detailed description of his (or her? we think not) idea of a real, sure-enough, up-to-the-minute, dashy, spicy, witty, brilliant, and artistic college paper. Lastly—for our space is valuable—let us point out this fact: criticism is what we want, but it should be tempered with wisdom and experience; these come with age; age comes with years.

"Son, where have you been?"  
"Been playin' war, Ma, and war is hell."

Mama, (shocked) — "Didn't I tell you not to use that expression?"

"But, Ma, Sherman used it."

"Well, then, you must stop playing with him, his language isn't nice."—Exchange.

## LETTER FROM COL. BROWN COMMENDS WORK OF BOARD

Following is an excerpt from a letter recently received at our office from Col. W. W. Brown, who delivered the Founders' Day Address:

"I thank you very much for the very flattering references to myself, my only fear being that I do not merit such commendation.

"To my eyes—regardless of your last number—[Col. Brown here refers to the issue following his address] the FIAT LUX is a marked success in all ways. I congratulate you most heartily—with all your assistants—upon its very creditable appearance, in every way.

Very truly yours,

W. W. BROWN."

This is most encouraging, and we thank Col. Brown for his approval. That is the sort of thing that makes us think it's worth while to keep at what, in many ways, seems rather a thankless task.

## SALEM COLLEGE BUILDING BURNS

Salem College, of Salem, W. Va., in which Alfred people take much interest, was seriously crippled on the night of Dec. 17, when its oldest building burned to the ground. The structure, the first floor of which was occupied by lecture rooms, and the second by a gymnasium, contained much valuable equipment, and was only partly covered by insurance. Alfred University extends her sympathy to Salem and hopes that a larger and finer building may replace the old one.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DRAFT PLAN FOR JOINT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of the Athletic Association held in Assembly Wednesday morning, the old idea of joining the Ag School and College Athletic Associations, was once more warmed into flame. A committee was appointed by Pres. P. C. Burdick which will take up at once the work of joining the two associations. The College Committee is F. G. Crawford, '15; O. L. Vars, '15; E. L. Burdick, '16; W. E. Buck, '16; E. E. Saunders, '17.

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SECOND ALUMNI LECTURE

Dr. Crandall, on "Chapters of American Diplomacy"

Samuel B. Crandall, Ph. D., of Washington, D. C., who graduated with the class of '97, delivered the second of the alumni lectures of this year's schedule last Thursday evening at Memorial Hall. Dr. Crandall's topic was "Chapters of American Diplomacy," a subject with which he is especially well qualified to deal, having been in the service of the state department at Washington for some years, during which time he has written a treatise on diplomacy which has come to be the text-book of the diplomatic service.

In his lecture, which, while not technical, was most scholarly, Dr. Crandall traced the course of the most significant diplomatic achievements of the United States, furnishing interesting sidelights upon the unseen influences which have shaped the course of great events. He first discussed the negotiations with France culminating in the treaty of 1778, which was important from the fact that it gave the United States a recognized standing among the nations, with definite commercial rights. The next point to receive the attention of the speaker was a second treaty with France, by which, in 1803, the Louisiana territory was ceded to the United States for the sum of 60,000,000 francs, and of which Napoleon said, "This consolidates forever... the power of America."

Dr. Crandall discussed next the policy of President Monroe, stated first in 1823, which, under the name of the "Monroe Doctrine," has since played such an important part in our international policy. This was followed by a consideration of the Webster-Ashburton treaty with England, through which by superb diplomacy, the controversy over the boundaries between Canada and the United States was settled favorably to our own nation. The fifth topic was the Washington Treaty of 1871, when, through a delay of a few days caused by neglect of a paper on the desk of an insane British officer whose wife did not

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PROFESSOR NORWOOD GIVES  
LECTURES BEFORE CLUB  
WOMEN

Professor J. Nelson Norwood of the department of History and Political Science has just completed a series of weekly lectures before the federation of Women's Clubs in Hornell. Prof. Norwood's lectures have aroused so much interest that he has been invited to give a second series, which he will begin on January 6th, with his lecture "The Case for Socialism," to be followed shortly by "The Case Against Socialism."

GERMAN CLUB

The members of the German Club were guests of Genevieve Hart '17, and Lawrence Babcock '15, last Thursday evening. The meeting was held in the upper class reception rooms at the brick. Zulieka Richardson '17, read a well prepared and interesting paper on "The German Woman." German games were played and refreshments were served.

CAMPUS

Roy Quick '13, is a guest at Burdick Hall.

Courtney Norton '16, was in Hornell Saturday.

Eva Williams '16, spent the week-end at her home in Wellsville.

Robert D. Garwood '14, ex-editor of Fiat Lux, is visiting at the K. K. K.

M. G. Babcock '15, and F. G. Crawford '15, were in Hornell Friday.

D. C. Clark '14, of Hurleyville is spending the holidays with his parents.

Leon S. Greene '13, of Mansfield, Pa., is spending the holidays with his parents.

Eva Clark, ex-'15, who is studying art in Boston, is a guest of Bess Bacon at Dr. Sheppard's.

Susan Hooker, Ex-'15, who is attending Barnard College in New York City, is spending a few days with friends in town.

Victor Davis '12, who is taking graduate work in English in Cornell University, is spending the holidays with his parents.

Word has been lately received of the marriage of Bess Tickner, ex-'16, to Charles J. Plume. At present they are living in Columbus, Ohio.

Elsie Thrall, Ex-'16, has been confined to the Rest House in Pratt Institute since Thanksgiving, suffering from the effects of overwork. Miss Thrall's Alfred friends wish her a speedy recovery.

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**A WAR APPEAL FROM  
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The famous author of the Garden of Allah, Bella Donna and other novels, has written a letter to one of the members of the Committee of Mercy, an international organization, working for women and children made destitute by the war which numbers among its officers, Elihu Root, Chas. W. Eliot, Miss Katherine B. Davis, John Purroy Mitchel, Mayor of New York; Mrs. J. Borden Harri- man, and many other representa- tive Americans. The Committee has received the endorsement of President Wilson, the Red Cross, and the Ambassadors of all war- ring powers.

The Committee of Mercy expects to carry on its work for the inno- cent victims of the War for many months, and perhaps for several years to come. It is organizing not only in the great cities of the country, but in the smaller cities and states.

Suggestions about the most effective organization with names of persons who would like to help in this great work of relieving the distress of those who, in what- ever country they might be, are the victims of the war they in no way brought on, will be welcomed by the officers of the Committee of Mercy, at the headquarters, at Room 336, 200 Fifth Avenue Build- ing, New York.

Following is the letter from Mr. Hitchens:

**THE BATH CLUB**

London, November 10, 1914.

I have just seen the little book issued by your Committee in New York, and venture to write a few words to tell you how very great the misery over here in Europe is. When I was in Sicily immediately after the earthquake at Messina, I looked into the depths and thought I realized the worst evils that can befall humanity. I know now that it is more terrible to suffer at the hands of men than to be overwhelmed by a convulsion of nature. The horrors of this great war cannot well be over- estimated. Many of them cannot be stated at all. I do not draw my information from the news- papers, but from conversations I have had with British and Bel- gian soldiers, wounded or in- valided, with friends who have

been in Belgium and France in connection with the hospital work, and with Belgian refugees in Eng- land, of whom I have met a great many. They all tell the same story. Women and children have suffered, and are suffering through this war more than they have suffered before in our time. Too much cannot be done for them. It will be difficult, or im- possible, to do enough.

Immediately after the fall of Antwerp, I was at Folkestone. It was like a foreign town. The streets were thronged with wan- dering fugitives, whole families, old women with thin shawls wrap- ped around them, little girls with white faces, and wide eyes that had seen things no children should see, tiny things just able to tod- dle, babies of a few months old, and some just born. Many of these people had lived at Liege. From Liege they had fled to Brus- sels, from Brussels to Antwerp, and finally from Antwerp to Eng- land. One woman with whom I talked had a baby with her of four months old, who had made this tragic pilgrimage pursued by the roar of German guns. The father? The woman did not know where the father was. The house that had been home? She thought it was burned down. Now mother and baby were in England, and mother was just wondering what would happen to them. She made no complaint. After telling me her story, she simply said "I have come here. One hopes to be safer here." There are thousands of such women as this, homeless, destitute, in ignorance of the fate of those dearest to them. I met a young Belgian in Canterbury. She was married to an officer in command of a district in the Con- go. They came to Belgium on a six months' holiday. Scarcely had they arrived when war broke out. When I met this lady her husband was fighting at Namur. Soon afterwards he was badly wounded. They conveyed him to a hospital at Antwerp, and his wife hurried there to see him. She arrived to find him dying, and Antwerp being bombarded by the German army. He died just as the City fell. The young widow fled, succeeded in reaching Eng- land, and is now lodging in Faver- sham, a small country town near

Canterbury, waiting—for what? What can these people hope for in the future? Belgium has been turned into a vast fortress by the Germans, and is likely during the Winter to be the scene of more bloody fighting than it has seen

An old peasant woman, whom I met in a camp of seventy refugees among the hop gardens of Kent said to me, "but my dear Mon- sieur, Belgium no longer exists." She was from Namur, where she had passed her whole life. Her little home had been razed to the ground. "When I left it for the last time, Monsieur, I walked among dead bodies," she said, staring at me with her light blue eyes which seemed always asking some question.

In the money changers' shop at Folkestone, where I had gone to change eighty francs into English money for four young Belgians, I encountered a very old lady dressed in black with snow-white hair. As she spoke scarcely any English, I helped her to do her business, the changing of a tiny sum of money which was all she had been able to bring with her when she fled before the advanc- ing hosts. She had one posses- sion with her in Folkestone. She told me that she had been spend- ing the evening of her days in her home on the outskirts of Antwerp "with my beautiful pictures. Ah, Monsieur, I had some very beauti-

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ful pictures. When the Germans were coming, I cut the best Rubens, a real Rubens, Monsieur, out of its frame, and fled with it. I have it here in a little room they have given me in Folkestone." This old lady is rich in comparison with many of the fugitives. There are thousands who have nothing except the clothes they are wearing. In Folkestone I saw many almost starving people being fed with milk and bread at the reception offices where English women and men have been doing their best for them, where Madame Gody herself, a Belgian refugee, has for many weeks been working all day and often during the night, trying to find temporary homes for them, and to alleviate their suffering, mental and physical.

After the earthquake at Messina, the misery was so widespread and so appalling that one was almost stunned by it. I remember seeing two thousand wounded and almost naked people being landed at a soldier's port, and that same day, as I travelled along the coast meeting train after train packed with the homeless, the wounded, the mad and the dead—for there were trucks full of corpses; I remember visiting Messina while the soldiers were still digging people out from the ruins—and one was almost obsessed by the thought, natural perhaps, but dangerous: "What is the good of trying to do anything? The misery is too great, too widespread. Any effort of mine will be useless." Of course this thought had to be driven out. A great continued effort was made and much misery was alleviated.

Now a far greater effort is necessary to alleviate misery on such a colossal scale.

English friends of mine have

just returned from Paris. They say Americans there, headed by their splendid Ambassador, "an angel if ever there was one" as an English woman, a hospital worker, described him to me—Americans there are doing a work of Mercy which cannot be overestimated. Your little book tells me that in far distant America, too, Americans are putting their shoulders to the wheel. If ever an effort was worth while, it is the effort they are making. God will surely bless it. In this war time, staggered by horrors of which I dare not write in this letter, some of us, perhaps are tempted to despair of human nature, and to doubt the ruling of a just Providence. And then, out of this blackness, this stifling miasma of wickedness and sorrow unutterable, the great deeds, the deeds of courage, of glory, the white nobilities of men and women, rising like streams of light, flow towards Heaven. Pity pierces through the shadows. The voice of Mercy is heard even above the roar of the guns, and we take heart again.

The noble effort your Committee is making in America will hearten thousands. "How far that little candle throws its beams! So shines a good deed in a wicked world." The good deeds of your Committee will surely shine a most kindly light through our European War blackness.

"Watchman, what of the night?" Many who are asking that question with perhaps faltering voices, seeing Charity lifted on high in the West, will bless America and Americans.

Yours very sincerely,  
ROBERT HICHENS

Elbert Hubbard's definition of a library: A place where the dead live.

## SECOND ALUMNI LECTURE

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wish to divulge the fact of his incapacity, forced England to pay 16,000,000 £ indemnity on the Alabama claims. This treaty also established several minor precedents.

Lastly, Dr. Crandall discussed the Chinese Open Door policy, emphasizing the importance of the part played by the United States in the development of Japan and pointing out the possibilities of this greater Empire as revealed in the light of the past.

It has been announced that two lectures, the dates for which have not yet been determined, will occur soon. The first of these will be given by Mr. Lawrence LaForge of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the second by Prof. H. W. Maxson of Plainfield, N. J., both prominent alumni of Alfred University.

## GRINDS

—O the Roman was a rogue,  
He erat, was, you bettum;  
He ran his automobilis  
And smoked his cigarettum;  
He wore a diamond studibus  
And elegant cravatum,  
A maxima cum laude shirt,  
And such a stylish hattum;  
He loved the luscious hic-hac-hock!  
And bet on games and equi;  
At times he won; at others, though,  
He got it in the nequi;  
He winked (quo usque tandem?)  
At puellae on the Forum,  
And sometimes even made  
Those goo-goo oculorum!  
He frequently was seen  
At combats gladiatorial,  
And ate enough to feed  
Ten boarders at Memorial;  
He often went on speers,  
And said on starting homus:  
'Hic labor—opus est,  
Oh, where's my hic-hic-domus?'"  
Although he lived in Rome—  
Of all the arts the middle—  
He was (excuse the phrase)  
A horrid individ'l;  
Ah! what a diff'rent thing  
Was the homo (dative, hominy)  
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Devotions Elmer Hunting  
Alleghanian Edward Saunders  
Paper—Alfred in 1414

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Meridith Maxson was voted in to membership of the lyceum.

## OROPHILIANS

## Nota Bene!

A talk-fest will be held in the lyceum room on the first Saturday evening after the Holidays, when old members will meet with the present members to discuss the situation. Show your spirit by turning out in force.

## ALFRIEDIAN

The Alfriedian Lyceum entertained the Athenaeans Saturday evening, presenting an original play "The Spirit of Christmas." An audience of over one hundred was present.

Following is the program:

Devotions Myrtle A. Evans  
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"  
"When Shepherds Watched"

Victrola

## ACT I

Time—Five P. M. A few days before Christmas

Scene—Luxuriously furnished sitting-room in a wealthy home  
"O, Little Town of Bethlehem"

Ladies' Quartet

"The Birthday of a King"

Celia Cottrell

## ACT II

Time—Evening of the same day  
Scene—The sitting-room of a poor woman  
"Stille Nacht"

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## ACT III

Time—Christmas Eve  
Scene—Same as Act II  
Hallelujah Chorus

Victrola

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

Marie, the wealthy young woman who considers Christmas a bore

Arlotta Bass

Mrs. Johnson, Marie's mother

Genevieve Hart

Grace, a poor shop girl

Ellen Holmes

Prudence, Grace's little daughter

Lillian Holmes

Clara, the maid Ruth Harer  
Neighbor's children, playmates of Prudence

The play was written in collaboration by the Misses Ruth Phillips, Myrtle Evans and Arlotta Bass, who are to be congratulated upon the cleverness of their production. Miss Susan White's efficient training was evident in the work of the cast.

## FORESTRY NOTES

The State College of Forestry at Syracuse is carrying on careful studies of the wood distillation industry in the State because this industry uses the raw products of the forest closer than any other industry. More complete utilization of the products of the forest means a great deal not only in saving lumber and other kinds of timber for more important uses, but by cleaner condition and, therefore, not so liable to be injured by forest fires. Often all wood including the bark is used down to a diameter of one inch.

In the course of investigations of the wood distillation industry of New York by the College of Forestry at Syracuse, it finds that the removal of the tariff on grain alcohol has hurt the market on wood alcohol in such a way as to make it hardly profitable to produce wood alcohol at this time. The chief products of the destructive distillation of wood are charcoal, wood alcohol and acetate of lime. Charcoal is used for gun powder, for fuel, in the manufacture of iron, and for various poultry and animal foods. Acetate of lime is used almost wholly in the dye industries. Wood alcohol is used largely as a solvent and for various chemical purposes. Beech, birch and maple are the best woods for the production of wood distillation products. Heartwood is better than sapwood because it does not contain so large a percentage of moisture. Elm, chestnut and Cherry are not desirable woods for the wood distillation industry because they contain too much tannin, gums, etc.

Recent investigation by the State College of Forestry at Syracuse of forest conditions in Delaware County show that a large percentage of the county owing to its hilly nature is essential forest land. The county is peculiarly adapted to the growth of hardwoods for use in the wood distillation industry. It has been found that forests in this hilly section often produce as much as one full cord per acre per year. Such a growth as this compares favorably with the growth of forests in Europe.

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## WAR A LA FOOTBALL

Germany kicked off to France, the ball going out of bounds into Belgium. Belgium was there as a spectator, but was an old-time player and was itching to get into the game on the winning side. Instead of dodging the ball, Belgium, caught it and started a brilliant return. Belgium made several clever plays, but could not hit the German line effectively and soon was thrown for a loss and lost the ball on a steady march for the goal line, Paris. Germany relied on straight football, using old-style mass formation. The Allies tried a number of forward passes, but they were broken up by the heavy German offense. Germany reached the ten yard line before it could be stopped, but there the Allies got the ball and executed a clever wing shift. They were unable to hit center, but carried the left end for several good gains, carrying the ball back to the forty-yard line. Germany then took to playing the open game, executing successful forward passes to Antwerp and Ostend. Both sides are alleging unnecessary roughness. The score at the end of the first quarter was 0-0—Kansas City Star.

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