



## 17TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CERAMIC SOCIETY AT DETROIT

The meeting was formally opened Monday, Feb. 14th, at 10 a. m., by President Parmelee, Director of the Ceramic School at Rutgers. The regular business of the society was transacted and the session was closed by the presidential address.

At the afternoon session Dr. Campbell gave a lecture on "The Theory of the Formation of Some Basic Silicates." Dr. Campbell is the Director of the Chemical Laboratory of the University of Michigan, and although totally blind, has done a great deal of research work on the constitution of Portland cements. He has developed a method whereby he sucks off from the cement clinkers material which is molten at the clinkering temperature and leaves behind the crystallized constituents. He has thus been able to separate, analyze and to some extent determine the properties of the constituents which are crystalline at the burning temperature, and those which are molten at that temperature. The parallelism between the modes of formation and growth of these basic silicates and the more acid ones used in glazes and glasses was suggested.

The meetings held on Tuesday and Wednesday were devoted entirely to the reading and discussion of papers. These covered the main topics:

1. The occurrence, mining, preparation and testing of raw materials.
2. Bodies, glazes and colors.
3. Cements.
4. Glass and enamels.
5. Mechanical processes.
6. Burning, heat reactions, fuels, kilns, pyrometry.
7. Testing of clay products.

Thursday was devoted to an excursion to the different places

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## DR. THOMAS PEACE CONTEST

Thursday Evening, Feb. 25, at  
Kenyon Memorial—Maximum  
Number of Contestants

The finals of the fourth annual contest of the Dr. Thomas Peace Prize Contest will be held at Kenyon Memorial, Thursday evening, Feb. 25, at 8 o'clock. This is the first year that the full quota of six eligible have taken part and especial interest attaches to the orations of Thursday evening.

This contest which is open to Juniors and Sophomores was established by Mrs. Vandelia Varum Thomas, Alfred '81, in memory of her husband, Dr. Thomas. The first prize is \$50.00 and second \$25.00 in gold. Under the preliminaries held January 9, five

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## UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY A SUCCESS

About thirty-five couples enjoyed the University Assembly held last Tuesday evening at Firemens Hall. The hall was tastefully decorated with streamers, from which were hung pink and white roses. The seats were made comfortable with gay sofa pillows and coverings. The music, furnished by a local orchestra, was excellent and the well arranged program rendered the evening very enjoyable. The patrons and patronesses were: Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ellis; Professor and Mrs. L. C. Whitford, Mrs. G. A. Bole and Mr. Ford Barnard '17. Miss Isabel Ellis presided over the punch bowl. The program was formally opened at 8 o'clock by the Grand March, led by Miss Ella Crumb '13, and Otho L. Vars '15. Dancing continued until 12 o'clock, when the party adjourned to "Carl's" where an excellent luncheon was enjoyed.

## HIKERS' CLUB COMMENCES ACTIVITIES—IMPORTANT MEETING CALLED

Already the first pleasant days of departing winter have called forth a considerable number of students who are desirous of getting the most out of the joys of spring by being in trim for the walks that will be conducted by the Hikers' Club within the next few weeks.

Walking is healthful; walking is enjoyable, is fascinating, but only when conducted under the proper conditions and with a certain amount of practice.

The object of the local walking club is to encourage this pastime in a manner that shall bring the most pleasure. To do this it has planned an official trip to Rock City, a distance of fifty-three miles, and later a trip to Buffalo and Niagara, some ninety miles.

If the members who go on these trips do not desire to become foot sore they must go through the desired training. The preliminary hike of twenty-five miles, which is one of the conditions of membership, will in a large measure supply this.

Messrs. Kenyon, Clausen, Bass and Rixford walked to Hornell and back Friday of last week. Mr. Bass, by his accomplishment, removed the last condition for his membership in the Hikers' Club. A pleasant little stroll for any who wish to try it.

## Important Meeting of Hikers' Club

A very important meeting of the Alfred University Hikers' Club is called for Wednesday Eve, Feb. 24, 1915, at 7:30 at the president's rooms. Considerable business is on the calendar for this meeting, and every member is earnestly requested to be on hand promptly.

PRESIDENT.

## SUMMER SCHOOL

Preliminary work in connection with the Alfred Summer School is progressing rapidly and the success of the coming year is assured by the extensive advertising campaign that is to be initiated. The initial advertising propaganda was sent out last week and consists of post-card folders that give in concise form the features and advantages of the Alfred Summer School, and serve as advance information and invitation to enter into correspondence with the secretary. Fully twenty-five hundred of these post-cards were issued.

Other advertising will consist of space advertisements in the Syracuse School Bulletin, the New York Globe and one or two other outside papers of large circulation.

One issue of the Fiat will be devoted almost entirely to its interests. In this way the advertising committee thinks much fuller and more interesting information will be possible. Copies of this issue will be mailed to approximately one thousand people throughout this and neighboring states. The Alfred Sun will likewise devote considerable space to the work. Also it is to be taken up by the Press Club and arrangements for the use of the sources at their command are to be made.

Particular attention is to be given to colleges which do not maintain an Educational Department and special efforts made to secure students from these colleges.

As stated in a recent issue of the Fiat, the faculty will consist of the same specialists who composed last year's faculty. In addition to these Ellen Kolsen Mann, who has studied extensively in this country and abroad, will assume charge of the elementary work of the English Department.



# N. Y. S. A.

## N. Y. S. A. CAMPUS

George Willey '15, spent the week-end at his home near Hornell.

"Auto" Jake made merry with the Ag fellows last week by handing out cigars.

Howard Wilson, N. Y. S. A. '16, took a practice hike of seventeen miles, Saturday.

Miss Barkhouse was the guest of the Hot Air Eating Club at dinner last Sunday.

Monroe Jones, N. Y. S. A. '13, of Cohocton visited friends in town over the week-end.

Bernice Sherman '15 entertained Miss Leska Geiger of Gowanda, N. Y., over the week-end.

William Woodruff, the latest pilgrim to be initiated into the Noo Yawk Club, took the fourth degree Friday.

The following Ag students were initiated into the first two degrees of the Alfred grange last Saturday evening: Messrs. Loomis L. Dennis, Bloodgood, Morlian, J. Conderman, Wight and Kull.

Prof. in Physics class—How many different kinds of machines are there?

Freshman—W-e-l-l, the Ford—

## COUNTRY LIFE PROGRAM

There was a very interesting program rendered at the weekly meeting of Country Life Club, Feb. 18, 1915. The program was in charge of the new officers and was a good start for the new term of office. Mr. Broad presided at the meeting. The following program was given:

Song	By Club
Devotions	Claude Burdick
Musical Number	Miss Keegan
Talks on Farmers' Week at Cornell	Mr. Post and Mr. Boyes
Gleanings	Miss Pohl
Continued Talk on Cornell	Mr. Acker, Mr. Lawrence
Stunt	Misses Williams and Bertine

The musical numbers by Miss Keegan were greatly enjoyed by all. These numbers added much

to the attractiveness of the program.

Mr. Post talked on the feeding of the horse as given by Prof. Harper of Cornell. He evidently had taken a number of notes, as his talk practically included every point that Prof. Harper touched upon. Mr. Boyes gave his impressions of Cornell University as an institution of learning. He gave in a general way the location of the important buildings and laid considerable emphasis on the Agricultural College.

Miss Pohl had very interesting gleanings which covered the present situation in Europe.

Mr. Acker, who had attended a cattle sale at Liverpool, told of his experiences while there and also while in Syracuse and Cornell where he attended Farmers' Week.

Mr. Lawrence gave the points which he gained from a lecture on the physical examination of cattle in preference to the tuberculin test.

Miss Williams and Miss Bertine treated the club to pulled molasses candy and were loudly applauded by all.

Prof. Pontius was critic for the evening and commended the speakers upon the interest that they had taken in the program. He also said that he was glad to learn that the students who had attended Farmers' Week at Cornell had secured so much from the lectures there.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 16. Prof. Wingate had charge of the regular chapel exercises. He sang a number of songs in his usual pleasing and entertaining manner.

Thursday, Feb. 18. Miss Tuttle gave several readings in chapel which were greatly appreciated by all present. Her reading, "How Tom Sawyer Whitewashed the Fence" by Mark Twain, was given in a very unique way and the loud applause voiced the appreciation of those present.

## MRS. BINNS ENTERTAINS Y. W. C. A. CABINET

On Feb. 16, Shrove Tuesday, Mrs. Charles Binns entertained the Y. W. C. A. cabinet at an English supper. The announcement of a surprise sharpened the girls' wits as well as their appetites. They waited impatiently for the arrival of the great dish of the evening and were highly delighted when they saw a platter full of steaming pancakes arrive. The mysterious part of the pancakes was that three contained a ring, a dime or a button. Merriment ensued at the finding of these articles by the girls.

After the supper the party assembled about the fireplace where a short business meeting was held. The remainder of the evening was given up to merry chatter and college songs. Each girl left the home of Mrs. Binns with a feeling of deep gratitude for and appreciation of the kindly interest and the loving watchcare of their Advisory member.

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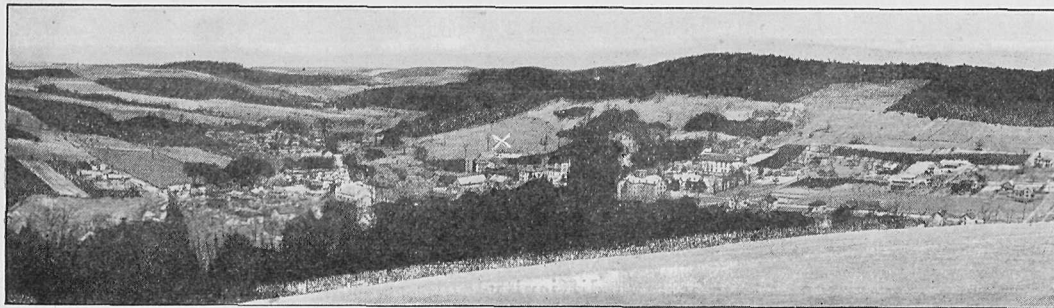
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General View of Alfred

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

The topic for the Sunday evening prayer meeting, "Opportunities for Service" was most efficiently treated by Miss Ruth Philphasized were (1) Need for sermons. The three main points emphasized, (2) Who can serve? and (3) The source of power by which we are able to serve. In closing, Miss Myrtle Evans read a story illustrating the real value of service for others. The meeting was an especially helpful and inspiring one to all those present.

**MY ENGLAND CREED**

Great is the corruption of the English language!

German French, Italian words are steadily creeping in to fill a long felt need, perhaps, but more probably to supplant good English words.

Slang is embedding itself in the vocabulary of every one and all are becoming careless of the use of the mother tongue.

That which people of other nationalities strive with utmost difficulty to master we corrupt

and discard as something worthless!

What a perfectly splendid idea if each of us would take the motto of Harriet Taylor Treadwell and make it his own. How fine if only each of us could say and mean

"I believe that my mother tongue is worthy of my admiration, respect, and love.

"I believe it is possible for me to speak my native language correctly, fluently and elegantly.

"I believe that this takes time, patience and care.

"I believe that slang is language in the making and that until it is made, it is not proper to use.

"I believe that the use of slang kills one's power to speak fluently.

"I believe that it is possible to live up to this creed.

"I believe that it is worth while to try it."—Grove City Collegian.

**"ON THE SQUARE"**

Are we keeping up with the times? Do we know that the

latest thing in the art of painting is the Cubist Art? Why not become acquainted with it, and apply it to our lives? Are we living on the square, or are we bluffing through our classes, and bragging about it to our fellow students? Is it hurting us, or our teachers? Think about it! Does a mark show our worth; or is that mark, unjustly obtained, only another impression in the storehouse of our intellect, which will prove a hindrance to us in our later life? Then let us keep in mind this quotation:

"Despise not little sins,  
The gallant ship may sink,  
Though only drop by drop,  
The watery tide it drink."

**AUTHORSHIP**

Anybody can write a story about college life. If he has not attended a college, so much the better. His imagination is less trammelled. A few simple rules must be observed, however.

1. All heroes are named Jack, Stanley or Dick.
2. All college men wear sweaters always and smoke short, fat-bowled pipes.
3. There is always a "Fatty," who is a funny fellow.
4. Any four college men make up a quartet, which can sing "Merhileeee we ro-hull alonnnng" at any time.
5. All college men are wooing a girl named Dorothy or Betty, who is "sweet and pure as an angel."
6. All college men address each other as "old hoss."
7. College men never study, but spend their time in tossing repartee back and forth.
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## TO THE STUDENTS OF N. Y. S. A.

You have asked for a special issue of Fiat Lux, to be devoted to your Commencement. We heartily approve of the idea, but whether you get it or not rests entirely with you. At present this paper is not receiving sufficient support from the student-body of N. Y. S. A. to warrant our giving up the entire space of one

issue to your interests. Besides the faculty, only twenty members of the Ag School have paid their subscriptions. This is not as it should be. We are trying to conduct a **UNIVERSITY PAPER**, but we cannot do it without **UNIVERSITY SUPPORT**.

## READ THIS TOO, PLEASE

It should really be unnecessary to question the value of a weekly university paper. It is the progressive spirit of the day that is giving rise in college to the demand for a weekly publication, and Alfred may justly be proud of the fact that she has been a leader among the smaller colleges in recognizing and acting upon this demand.

We know that we have incurred criticism; no movement, especially at its beginning, when it is still something of an experiment, can escape this. We realize that there is much room for improvement, and we have earnestly solicited constructive criticism, but we think we are safe in saying that there has been practically no response. There has, to be sure, been plenty of kicking, mostly behind our backs, we are sorry to say, but there has been mighty little effort on the part of the student body to help us. This is a wrong attitude.

If we fail, if we are forced to suspend publication through lack of financial support or of moral support, we shall not take too much of the blame; we are convinced that the fault will not all be ours. We shall at least have the satisfaction of having done our best.

But we cannot believe that students, alumni, and friends of the University desire anything but our success. We believe that they are sincerely, but passively interested. What we need, however, is active interest, actual effort to help things along.

It is in belief that those who should be are not awake to our needs, and with the hope of saving the paper from failure, that we are now trying to vindicate ourselves, in part at least.

In comparing the Fiat with other papers, our critics usually try to compare it with those representing a student body

two or three, or even five or six, times as large as our own (when we consider the fact that the entire work on the Fiat has been done by the men students).

Secondly, we are representing a co-educational school and a paper so doing has difficulties which are not experienced by strictly men's, or strictly women's schools. The greatest difficulty in this respect is that so familiar a style cannot be adopted as is used by the small college paper representing male students. A careful comparison with the "Rochester Campus" and the "Hamilton Life" would convince one of the logic of this and show the necessity of a more formal style in our writing.

Third, athletic news and comment is the spiciest and most original material for comment, arousing more spirit and enthusiasm than anything else in a college weekly. We are all conscious of our unfortunate athletic conditions and while there is an apparent determination to alter this, there have been no athletic activities from fall until spring for us to wreak our vengeance on and to feed our athletically starved student body. What little news of this kind we do have, during the season for football, and in baseball season is usually not particularly inspiring.

These are a few of the prevailing complaints which afflict the Fiat and hamper us in giving to Alfred University a paper not inferior to those of colleges with larger numbers.

Read the contributed article on "Life's Honor System," and then think over our own system. Does it come up to the ideal expressed in that article? Does it come up to your own ideal of a real honor system? Do you think the elaborate provisions for espionage which we have sought, inconsistently enough, to combine with the principle of honor, are justifiable? Or do you think that an honor system should be based purely on honor for honors' sake? Think these things over; it will not be long before the time set for the amendment of the campus rules, honor system, etc.

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### CAMPUS

Ednah Horton '18, spent the week-end in Wellsville.

Ford Barnard '16, was in Hornell Saturday on business.

Rose Trenkle '17, is at her home in Portville on account of sickness.

George Brainard '18, was in Hornell, Saturday afternoon on business.

Ruth Hunt '15, and Myrtle Evans '15, were in Hornell Saturday.

R. M. Coon '17, L. M. Maxson '18, were in Hornell, Saturday afternoon.

Messrs. Blumenthal '17, Kruse, '16, and King '17, were in Hornell, Saturday.

Ralph A. Crumb '11, of the Binghamton High School is in town for a few days.

Miriam Chipman of the Waterville High School is spending the week-end with friends in town.

Abbie Burdick '16, entertained a party of twelve Saturday evening in honor of her sister, Marguerite Burdick '13, who is home from Wyoming for a few days.

Prof. Ford S. Clarke is in attendance this week at the Superintendents' Session of the National Education Association at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Edward F. R. Greene, ex-'15, who has been in New York City since the end of his Sophomore year, returned Sunday to his home here and will enter the State School of Ceramics.

Several men at Burdick Hall are showing a great deal of interest in the study of their Sunday School lessons, groups having been formed for the study and discussion of the same, directly after breakfast Sunday morning.

Miss Hazel Strickland of Andover visited her cousin, Marian Elliott '17, Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Paul E. Titsworth on Wednesday of last week delivered the first of a series of six lectures that are to be given before an organization of Hornell women. The general topic of the series will be the "Nineteenth Century Evolution of Germany."

### ROCHESTER REVIVES DEBATING

Rochester is devoting considerable attention to debating. This is a phase of intercollegiate activity which has been deplorably neglected but which bids fair of assuming a position of major activity in many colleges.

### DR. THOMAS PEACE CONTEST

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Sophomores and one Junior qualified for the finals. The Sophomores are: Lena Fink, Edna Jackson, Erling Ayars, Hubert Bliss, William Stevens; Junior—Robert Greene.

This contest will also decide the Alfred representative to the State Contest which is to be held in New York City, March 1, under the auspices of the New York Peace Society. By the requirements of the State Contest only male undergraduate students are eligible so that the one who in the opinion of the judges is the best of the men will enter this contest. The prizes are \$200 and \$100 for first and second prizes respectively and \$25 is given to the representative from each college. The judges appointed for the contest are: Rev. B. L. Eggleston, Andover; Miss Lucia Weed and Prof. J. N. Norwood of Alfred.

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of interest and concluded the meeting.

With regard to the meeting, it not only inspires investigation but acquaints the members with each other in such a way that the different works receive their due credit. The papers from the schools and research laboratories were by far the most valuable, as might be expected, altho the individual ideas by practical men had their value. The printed volume of the Transactions generally constitutes a book of 700-1000 pages. Alfred was the best represented of the ceramic schools, both as to delegates and papers. Prof. Binns gave a paper based on extensive research work in which he shows that the kaolins of Georgia are the best suited American clays for the pottery industry. These are nearly equal to those obtained from England.

Prof. Bole presented a paper based on work done by himself and R. M. Howe in the chemistry laboratories and which is the result of a half year's work. This work is to be carried on from year to year and should place Alfred in even a better position than heretofore. Both papers were thoroughly discussed and the theories advanced verified by practical experiences of the members.

In concluding, the writer wishes to emphasize the value of these meetings. From year to year a ceramic library is being developed which is of unlimited value. The practical and technical men are brought more closely in contact. The calibres of the members are disclosed by the nature of their discussions. To the student the last mentioned factor is perhaps the most important, since the Transactions are used constantly for reference. Therefore too much stress can not be laid upon advocating early attendance to these meetings.

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### LIFE'S HONOR SYSTEM

**The Majority of Persons Always  
to be Found Trustworthy and  
Honest**

Several years ago one of the best-known woman writers in the country had a class in literary criticism at the college I attended. On the day of examination she appeared before her class of thirty women read aloud ten examination questions, and then remarked: "It is now two o'clock. I shall be here to receive your examination papers at five. You are at liberty to go anywhere you like to answer the questions. I shall, of course, trust you neither to communicate with one another nor to consult any books of reference."

I think there was not a girl in that class who would have cheated, even if her college degree had depended entirely upon her passing that examination with honors. The important thing was to pass it with honor.

Human nature may be capable of all sorts of deception and double dealing. That is largely because it knows these things are expected of it and will be given it in turn. But as a general rule, any one whose honesty is taken for granted will live up to expectations.

Having the game as well as the name is a pet weakness of humanity. But when one is met with simple honesty that takes for granted that one can make returns of like simple honesty, failure to do so becomes a thing too contemptible to be contemplated.

Would you like to know how that college examination was conducted? Some of us stayed in the room where it had been given out,

and quietly and silently set about putting down what we knew on the subject of literary criticism. Some of us chose to go to our own rooms to write in the quiet and cool of familiar surroundings. And some sought the "back campus" and gave our knowledge of the subject full sway under the shade of the college elms. No one cheated. No one asked help. No one wanted to because no one would have been willing to face the bar of her own judgment and acknowledge herself incapable of being as simply honorable as she was expected to be. And no one suspected any one else of dishonesty or double dealing.

### A Perfectly Simple Thing

If you find it impossible to believe this simple little tale of absolute honesty there is something wrong with you. If you can't believe that other people, when free and able to cheat, will still refrain from doing so, then you, yourself, must be incapable of playing fair. Are you willing to so adjudge yourself?

If you cannot believe that the honor system works, it is because it would not work for you.

No normal human being with any instinct of decency likes to fail simple trust and confidence. Oh, I know that bank presidents abscond and Sunday school superintendents elope with funds and other people's wives, and that in competitive examinations there are all sorts of cheating. But these people are not working under the honor system. They are under bond of suspicion, watched and guarded by all sorts of checks and means to keep them honest. And if they can "get away with it" they feel like the little boy who, when locked in his room to meditate on his wrong-doings, impishly

climbs out of the bedroom window and "shins" down the old apple tree, whose branches lead him to freedom.

How many people fail to put down the penny for their daily paper when they find it untended and lying in piles that are guarded by stones from the wind's onslaughts, but that have no guardian present to insure honest payment? Papers lying thus make a mute appeal to honesty. They suggest that it is taken for granted that you will pay for what you take.

Cafeterias find it possible to trust in the honesty of their patrons. In such you help yourself to what you want and announce the sum of your indebtedness. If you should cheat and deny rightful payment of the full sum under these circumstances, you are a perverted creature. The natural thing to do is to pay what you owe, because it is taken for granted that you will.

### Natural to Be Honest

Honesty is a more natural human instinct than thievery. It came first. Cheating and thievery are not actual qualities so much as inhibitions of natural ones.

I am not proposing that we turn the world upside down, remove all barriers to wrong-doing and give cranks and feeble-minded and even insane creatures full sway. I am merely saying that the normal human being is decent and honorable. When he cheats it is probably largely to admire his own cleverness in escaping detection. His own instincts bid him be honest. And if the world shows that it expects him to be honest, he would be ashamed to disappoint it.

The honor system works whenever it is absolutely simply applied. In a community where it is used, the weight of public opinion swings over to taking honesty in others for granted. Who would dare go against it? Who wants to be dishonorable when everybody expects him to be decent? Who likes to disappoint the faith of a child? Who cheats an absolutely trusting woman? Never the sober, honest, decent citizen.

And the citizen who lies just

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beyond the pale of decency and honesty can be reclaimed often by a faith that takes the best in him for granted. Even as we don't disappoint people when they expect wrongdoing from us, even as we want the game when we're given the name of thief, so honor can score by taking our honor for granted.

Wherever the honor system grows, honor grows to meet it. We are all inherently decent—or we are abnormal. *Abas* with suspicion and doubt! More power to honor and the honor system! Ex.

### OVERLOADING STUDENT LEADERS

(From the Daily Orange, Syracuse University.)

A growing tendency seems to be prevalent to load burdens and responsible offices of the various student organizations on too few shoulders. Consequently, those students who have shown powers of leadership and willingness to serve, are the subjects of inordinate office dispensers, who insist that the presidency of this organization, or the chairmanship of that committee, or the leadership of this movement, must be given to those few students.

We do not urge that a man of ability should not be used, but we do say that he should not be abused.

One of the faults of our college democracy is the habit which persists that a certain few are expected to do all the work, while other capable persons are virtually told "to keep hands off." Unless certain persons are able to say "No," they will become so far involved in responsibilities that effective execution of those responsibilities will be impossible.

This whole situation involve

at least three bad features. In the first place the man himself is subjected to certain dangers; danger of doing poor college work, and danger of permanent injury to his health. In the second place, and this is a sort of corollary to the foregoing, the duties resting upon the man are almost sure to be slighted somewhere. A man may be physically and mentally very strong, but he has limitations, and beyond these he cannot go, no matter how much he may believe himself able to do so. The strong man, unfortunately, is naturally the last to recognize these limitations.

But there is yet another bad feature involved in heaping all the offices on too few shoulders; it deprives possible leaders of training. Many a man possessing latent powers of leadership has gone through college and never used these powers, simply because he has never been called upon to use them. This is really serious. If there is one place in the world above all others where powers of leadership and initiative should be developed and nurtured, that place is in our American colleges. Real democracy, which is unquestionably the ideal our colleges must approach, demands that power be distributed and that the capabilities and genius of every man be afforded opportunity for exercise.

No organization is dependent upon one man, and most assuredly no one man is responsible for the leadership of all organizations. There are many persons in a student body to fill all offices capably, even though these persons may not be in the limelight of public recognition.

Read the ads.

### GERMAN CLUB

The German Club resumed its work for the second semester last Thursday evening when Zulieka Richardson '17, and Elmer Hunting '16, entertained at the Richardson home on Reynolds street. Bess Bacon '15, read an unusually interesting paper on "Berlin." Following this, the club was divided into two sections which, under the leadership of Dr. Titsworth and Mr. Mix, spent a half hour in a conversation lesson. German games were then played until refreshments were served, soon after which the club adjourned. Following is the program for the second semester.

#### German Club, Semester II 1915

##### February 18

Berlin Elizabeth Bacon  
Entertainment committee: Miss Richardson, Mr. Hunting

##### March 4

Nuremberg Genevieve Hart  
Entertainment committee: Miss Bacon, Mr. Coon

##### March 18

University Life Aaron MacCoon  
Entertainment committee: Miss Hart, Mr. Babcock

##### April 8

The Rhine Olive Thomas  
Entertainment committee: Miss Evans, Miss Baker

##### April 22

Bismark Lawrence Babcock  
Entertainment committee: Miss Bass, Mr. Sheppard

##### May 6

Napoleon in Germany Mark Sheppard  
Entertainment committee: Prof. Titsworth

##### May 13

German Legends Zulieka Richardson  
Entertainment committee: Miss Thomas, Mr. Mix  
Regulations regarding papers will be the same as for the last semester.

#### NOTICE

Some uncertainty has been shown by the students in regard to arrangements for evening out of town parties. This uncertainty was natural as no specific statement has ever been made to the students. Since it is generally recognized, however, to be con-

trary to good form to do otherwise, hereafter all theatre, class or other parties which involve men and women students being out of town together in the evening must be arranged for with the Committee on Student Life and provision made for proper chaperonage.

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## LYCEUM COLUMN

## ALLEGHANIAN

## Get Together Meeting With Results

An enthusiastic meeting was held by the Alleghanians Saturday evening, and from the results of it the lyceum is to show that it still has a "kick" to it and that not of the "bucket" variety. J. J. Merrill '86, with the help of the members who devoted program and business session to Lyceum conditions were instrumental in creating the greatest interest that has been seen in the Alleghanians for many moons.

After devotional exercises lead by Elmer Hunting, the officers for the next quarter were installed by Mr. G. M. Wilson, Att'y, and Pres. Robert Green took the chair.

The program, which dealt with the present lyceum conditions, consisted of:

"The Psychological Effect of Advertising a Failure" G. M. Wilson  
"The Lyceum Situation"

Willard Sutton  
"Letters from Alumni Members"

Read by Edward Saunders  
A Straightforward Talk

Mr. J. J. Merrill  
Victrola selections by Harry Lauder and from Robin Hood were served between the "meat" courses.

During the business session Mr. Elmer Bass '18, was voted into the lyceum and an informal discussion of what the members wanted to get out of the work followed.

The written and spoken words from the Alumni members were greatly appreciated. Mr. Judson Rosebush writes, "It would seem to me that you have lost rather than gained by omitting your debate work—"; Mr. Paul P. Lyon sends word, "That unless you can give the students something they do not get anywhere else, and that something seems to be training in debate, you can hardly hope to maintain an effective place in the University Life—"; Prof. S. B. Bond of Salem College suggests, "The remedy then is fewer 'Feeds and Joint Sessions' and more substantial work." Mr. Merrill in speaking to us, said, "You

either all have tapeworms or else are living too cheaply at your clubs. The lyceum is the place to feed your minds not your stomachs. If you would use the time, that you waste, in banqueting and most of the time you spend with the girls, in lyceum work you would be much better off—you are in College for business. You can get facts in the class room, but unless you can express them well they are as 'gold buried in a dark cellar. The lyceum presents the best and easiest place in which to learn to reveal your 'gold'."

Mr. Wilson showed us that unless we could get enthusiasm into our lyceum work, only the voluntary forms of attention, the weakest and most precarious forms, would be left to control our ideas of and our activity in the lyceum.

Next week the entire program will deal with the Panama-Pacific Exposition and on March 6 we will have a "good old debate." Don't miss them.

## ALFRIEDIAN

The Alfriedian initiation which occurred Saturday night was deemed by both the candidates and the initiators, a great success. The candidates for initiation were blindfolded and then led down town where they were provided with paper bag hats and were permitted to taste nameless "delicacies" at the Cafe. Returning to the Lyceum rooms they found several stunts awaiting them, among them, one which required considerable courage. One by one they were led to a board into which a score of fine nails had been driven close together. On this they were requested to place their right hands so as to feel the points and then raise their hands high and hit it hard. Plain-tive little "Oh, No's" were of no avail and when they had finally mustered enough courage to do it, they found a pleasant surprise in a soft pillow which had been substituted meanwhile.

After a series of like stunts they were led to the platform where they answered affirmatively to the oaths of the lyceum as read by the president. This service was very beautiful and impressive after which their blind-

## Young Men! Gather Rround!

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folds were removed and the lavender and white Alfriedian caps and gowns were placed on them. Then all the girls sat down by candle light in their caps and gowns to a very attractive Washington's Birthday table. Sandwiches and coffee, cherry gelatin and angel's food decorated with cherries and citron formed the menu. The meeting broke up with cheers and songs and mutual congratulations on the part of the old and new Alfriedians.

The new members are: Nina Palmiter '16, Ruth Harer '18, Julia Wahl '18, Leanna Satterlee '18, Ethel Smith '18, Celia Cottrell '18, Mary Louise Green '18, Hazel Stillman.

## ATHENAEAN

The first of the series of class programs was presented on Feb. 20, by the Senior girls.

The following Longfellow program was printed on beautiful little diplomas:

Devotions Edith Burdick  
Duet—Stars of the Summer Night  
Mildred Saunders, Pauline Peterson  
Paper—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
Read by Nathalie Wanzer  
Recitation—The Children's Hour  
Lucile Stevens  
Evangeline—

Read by Vida Kerr, accompanied by Mildred Saunders and impersonated by Edith Burdick as Evangeline, Pauline Peterson as Gabriel, Ruth Hunt as Benedict Bellefontaine, Mabel Michler as Basil, the Blacksmith, Luella Eells as the

Priest, Lucile Stevens as the notary

The Senior girls deserve a great deal of credit for the success of their program. The Junior program will be given next Saturday evening.

## TIPPERARY

(As Julius Caesar might have written it)

It is a most incredible distance to Tipperary, yet this incredible distance is to be gone by us, however. It is a most incredible distance to Tipperary, to that girl I have accustomed to hold most dear. Therefore it is necessary that farewells should be said by us to that via Piquodilia and to the Locus Laecestri. It is a most incredible distance to Tipperary and yet the heart of me in that same place which I have mentioned above continues to remain.—B. L. T., in Chicago Tribune.

## NEW SUBSCRIBERS

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