



N. Y. S. A. COMMENCEMENT

Large Class Graduates---Dr. J. L. Snyder of Michigan Speaks

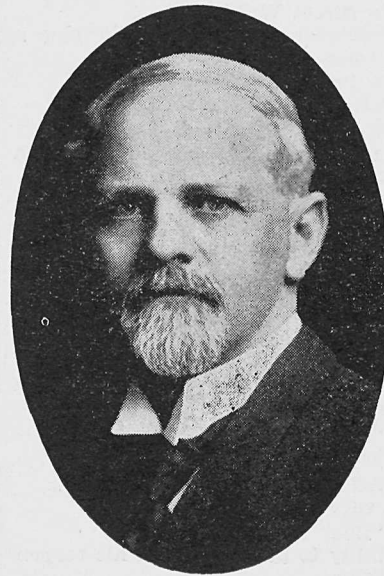
The fourth annual commencement exercises of the New York State School of Agriculture occurred in Firemens Hall, Wednesday afternoon, March twenty fifth, at two o'clock. The large graduating class was seated, together with the speaker of the day, Dr. J. L. Snyder of Michigan, Dr. Davis, Director Wright and the Rev. W. L. Burdick, upon the stage, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flowers from the state green house.

Miss Laura Keegan opened the program with a piano solo rendered with her usual excellent and sympathetic interpretation, and Pastor Burdick followed with the Invocation. Director Wright then introduced the speaker, Dr. Jonathan Le Moynes Snyder, president of the Michigan State College of Agriculture, which, as Director Wright said, has the honor of being the oldest agricultural college in the United States.

Dr. Snyder, after acknowledging his introduction, professed his pleasure in observing the excellent equipment of the school, and the rapid progress the institution is making and then proceeded to his subject, "Agriculture," he said, "was the first occupation of men and the one out of which nearly all other occupations have grown. It is the basic industry of the country. The first factor in the development of a great nation is its natural resources. We must have food...clothing and shelter...before we can develop rapidly, or to any great extent intellectually or socially." He then proceeded to show that our own country is especially well located

for agriculture, occupying as it does the middle ground between the extreme north and south. If it were a little farther north, it would take in a great, cold, barren, unproductive belt, and if it were farther south, it would be too warm and then, we should have Mexico on our hands!" said Dr. Snyder, and he went on to show that we have a wonderful coastline and a system of waterways admitting of development to an almost untold degree, as well as mineral resources upon which hardly a start has been made toward utilization. "If it had been left to the highest genius of man to select a place in the entire world for the development of a great, democratic nation, there is no other spot that could be selected that would have been so well situated as that which we occupy," said the speaker.... "Our first settlers were farmers. They brought with them guns and axes and they cleared their little farms along the New England coast. These grew and developed into larger farms and joined each other. So we grew until we were strong enough to free ourselves from the mother country. We were then known as a nation of farmers.... Agriculture, always our predominating industry, has produced the wealth which has made it possible to dig canals, to build railroads and to erect cities. The Mississippi Valley built Chicago and St. Louis and Kansas City. The wheat fields of the north built Minneapolis and St. Paul and while our cities have developed, agriculture has also developed, keeping pace with the increase in population. Now the

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PRESIDENT J. L. SNYDER
of
MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL
COLLEGE

HON. ADELBERT P. MOOT CHOSEN FOR COMMENCEMENT ORATOR

The Honorable Adelbert Moot of Buffalo, New York, who has been selected by the Senior class to deliver the Doctor's Oration on Commencement day, June 11th, is a native of Allegany County. He was educated in the state normal schools and the Albany Law School from which he graduated in 1876. He began the practice of law in Nunda, New York, but soon removed to Buffalo where he has continued the practice of law and has gained distinction as one of the most able and successful lawyers of the State of New York. In 1909-10 he was president of the New York State Bar Association. In 1913, upon the expiration of the term of office of the Hon. T. Guilford Smith of Buffalo, as regent of the University of the State of New York, Mr. Moot was elected regent to succeed him. Mr. Moot has distinguished himself as a friend of education and has always manifested a warm interest in Alfred University.

GROVER BABCOCK ELECTED MANAGER

M. Grover Babcock, '15, was elected as Fiat Lux manager, last Wednesday night in one of the most exciting student elections ever held here. Mr. Lowell Randolph was elected assistant manager. A total of 172 ballots were cast of which Mr. Babcock had 77, Mr. H. O. Howard 48 and Mr. F. G. Crawford 31, while the rest were divided between Mr. M. H. Pfaff and Mr. F. C. Thiel.

The election was an innovation in this line, being conducted with all the forms of regular elections, such as registration, publicity campaigning, official polls and election officers.

Mr. Babcock's platform stood for a better and cheaper Fiat Lux for 1914-15, and those who know his ability best are sure no better man could have been elected.

MEMORIAL TABLET FOR LIBRARY

A new bronze memorial tablet, the design of E. L. Tilton, the architect of the Carnegie Library, has been received, and will soon be installed over the fire place in the north end of the library.

The inscription reads:

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Plans are on foot to raise a \$25,000 memorial fund and to install a suitable memorial to the late Hon. Peter B. McLennan over the south fire place in the Library.

N. Y. S. A. CLASS NIGHT

The 1914 class of N. Y. S. A. appeared in its final school activities, at Agricultural Hall, on Wednesday evening, March 25th.

Following a reception to the guests, when refreshments were served, all gathered in the assembly hall, which had been very appropriately decorated with a combination of school and class colors.

The following program was then rendered:

Class Song	
Class History	Margaret Ingalls
Class Will	Archie Eldridge
Response	Harold L. Peet, '15
Vocal Duet	
	A. M. Travis, L. L. Langworthy
Class Prophecy	Ruth E. Boynton
President's Address	Theodore B. Clausen
Singing of Alma Mater	

Extracts from the program appear below.

Class History

The class was organized in the fall of 1911. At the first class meeting the following officers were elected:

George Bennett, president; Margaret Ingalls, vice president; Miss Tiffany, secretary; Theodore B. Clausen, treasurer. The class motto, "He who soweth, shall reap," was adopted at this time.

Among the events of this year, was a spread given by the Special class.

The class was reorganized with the opening of school in the autumn of 1912. The first class meeting, as Juniors, was held on Oct. 18th, of that year. The officers elected at this meeting were:

Theodore B. Clausen, president; Margaret Ingalls, vice president; Mildred Taber, secretary and Edwin Weinheimer, treasurer.

The important events of the Junior year, were a class banquet on November 6th, a reception to the class by the Misses Wood and Titsworth at the home of the latter, and the Junior reception to the Senior class on St. Patrick's Day.

Last October, the class convened as Seniors and elected Theodore B. Clausen as president, Edwin Weinheimer as vice president, Mabelle G. Lamphear as secretary and Harley Robinson as treasurer.

A corn roast at Pine Crest on October 13th, a sleigh ride to Andover followed by a dance and a reception given by the Junior

class, were the important class functions of the closing year.

Class Will

The legacies bequeathed by the class of 1914, in its will are as follows:

To the entire faculty—
Peace, happiness, the knowledge and startling information we have written in exams, and all our property not hereinafter bequeathed.

To Direct Wright—
Best wishes and good fellowship of the class of 1914.

To Prof. DuBois—
Better order in Farm Law.

To Prof. Blanchard—
Attention of students in Farm Machinery.

To Prof. Place—
A new specie of microbe called "Imaginitus Insectabug."

To Miss Langworthy—
All our old text books as a nucleus for a student's reference library.

To Miss Wood—
The privilege of having many more class functions for which to supply eats.

To "Judge" Thiel—
The advice "Have a H(e)art."

To Athletic Association—
A successful football season.

To "Doc" Howard—
Ability to get away with his responsibilities.

To Junior Class—
All the blessings she may wish, all our responsibilities as Seniors and the Senior seats in chapel at which they have looked with envious eyes so long.
To All—

Our blessing and pledge of friendship.

Class Prophecy

The minutes of the annual reunion of the class of 1914, in the year 1929, state the occupation of the members of the class at that time as follows:

Gerald P. Williams—Director of N. Y. S. A.

Mabelle G. Lamphear—Matron of Home Economics.

Arthur Hoag—N. Y. Commissioner of Agriculture.

"Buzzie" Leeworthy—Assistant at State Experiment Station.

"Bob" Morehouse—Assistant at State Experiment Station.

Amasa M. Travis—Instructor in California State College.

"Hiemy"—Rancher in Texas.

Alma Lytle—Poultry Fancier in Angelica.

Helen Lytle—Dietician of Washington Hospital.

Iva Simmons—Truck Gardener on Long Island.

Stanley S. Dunn—her chauffeur.

Harry Raymond—her assistant gardener.

Raymond Strahan—N. Y. City Policeman.

Roger E. Kilts—Police Justice.

Howard F. Bowles—Superintendent of Janssen's 1000 acre estate.

Gustav A. Janssen—Manufacturer of Farm Implements.

Lewis S. Crocker—Janssen's Secretary.

Stuart F. Green—General Manager of plant.

Helen Maxson—Instructor of Home Economics.

Mr. John Sanford—Instructor of Agriculture.

Mrs. John Sandford—His Assistant.
Theo. B. Clausen—Agricultural Investigator in Russia.

Alfred Morton—Captain of a liner.

"Butty"—Commander of Salvation Army.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Langworthy—Proprietors of New York Hotel.

"Peg" Ingalls—Wife of wealthy mine owner.

Clifford T. Burdick—Instructor of Physical Culture.

Frank P. Morey—Instructor of Aesthetic Dancing.

Amy S. Buck—Matron of Ingall's Memorial Dormitory.

Francis G. Marquardt—Gen. Manager of trolley line between Alfred and Hornell.

Archie Eldridge—Conductor on same.

Louis Martin—Motorman.

"Soddie"—Switchman.

"Dannie" Jenison—Burbank's assistant.

Harley Robinson and "Herb" Wells—Moving picture promoters.

"Bonnie"—Wife of Rev. Adams.

Robert Ormsby—Manager of State Farm at Willard.

President Clausen's Address

We are gathered here this evening to commemorate one of the most solemn, yet joyous events of the entire year, the graduation of the largest class in the history of N. Y. S. A.—the class of 1914. Not only is it the largest in numbers, but we believe, the greatest in achievements of any classes of N. Y. S. A.. We, personally and collectively have given our best, and in return have received boundless joy and help in the doing of the tasks assigned us.

In our class history tonight we have had brought to our attention the events which have undoubtedly made our school life more enjoyable by their being present; but I believe underlying all these social and class activities there has been developed one of the widest, grandest, and most helpful spirits which Agricultural Hall has ever seen.

For three years we have toiled and pressed forward, gaining experience and knowledge on our way, until tonight we stand before you a finished product of N. Y. S. A. A group of young people having attained the summit which marks the terminating of our school career, but who are going forth with a determination to be of service and help to our fellow men.

Is there not a reason for giving this a little solid thought when we take into consideration the privileges we have enjoyed, the countless opportunities we have had and the numerous ideas we have gained?

Is there not a reason for sadness when we think of leaving the companionships and surroundings which have shaped and moulded the foundation upon which we shall build our future careers?

But above all, the sadness and thinking there comes that feeling of gratitude; that Agg spirit which has sent men and women out into the world to fill their places and to (make good), that something which seems to grip every one of us, compelling us to press forward and gain a reputation which resound with praise to our Alma Mater, that feeling which makes your whole body tingle with new life, and the cords of your spinal column vibrate with a new determination, that infinite throbbing of your heart which tells you of the right or wrong, the guiding hand of conscience. All these have been fostered and kept sacred knowing that the time would come when the need of such a spirit would be paramount.

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N. Y. S. A. CLASS NIGHT

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If this old Agg spirit has been taken as part of our very lives and has been interwoven into all our activities, then from that standpoint alone, our time has been well invested.

If for a moment we were to take into consideration the technical training we have received, we would have nothing but the sincerest of praise to offer.

Our professors have been guiding posts and our classes have been our power. With these two requisites plus our strength and determination, is it any wonder that our lives have been broadened and our field of labor made smoother?

We are extremely glad to welcome you all here this evening, and to greet every one of you as benefactors who have made the class of 1914 possible with its glorious past and its brightest glimpses into the future.

N. Y. S. A. ALUMNI BANQUET

The third annual banquet of the N. Y. S. A. Alumni Association was held at the Parish House, on Thursday evening. The members upon their arrival, met in the parlors to greet their old friends, and become acquainted with fellow members of the alumni, who to them were strangers. Needless to say, the spirits of the old members were aroused to a high pitch with the rehearsing of the events, that occurred in the good old days when they held the whip hand at N. Y. S. A.

At 6:30 P. M., the jolly gathering proceeded to the dining hall, there to appease their appetites with a feast, that will long be remembered, and to continue the merriment already stimulated.

THE MENU

Fruited Grape Juice	Wafers
Consomme	Radishes
Olives	Braised Beef
Mashed Potatoes	Brown Gravy
Lima Beans with Tomato Sauce	

N. Y. S. A. Salad	Rolls	Cheese Straws
Ice Cream	Salted Almonds	Cake
	Bonbons	
	Coffee	

After having satisfied their appetites with this bountiful dinner, Mr. O. B. Trowbridge, acting as toastmaster, called on the following for toasts: Pres. Davis, Director Wright, Miss Angeline Wood, Mr. A. H. Rensen as representative of the class of 1911 class, Mr. Glenn Burdick for the 1912, Mr. C. A. Banks for 1913, and Theo. B. Clausen for the 1914 class. Mr. Clausen announced that the year 1916 had been chosen as the time for the reunion of the 1914 class.

The annual N. Y. S. A. alumni banquet is an occasion that may well be looked forward to by all of its members, as demonstrated by the pleasure, enthusiasm and spirit that predominated at this, its third annual event.

Among the old members present were: A. H. Rensen, '11, Gordon Boynton, '11, Glenn Burdick, '12, Harry Austin, '12, Myron Morton, '12, and Angela Alger, Esther Rogers, Rea Baker, Roxy Halstead, Emma Cole, Ruth Watson, O. B. Trowbridge, Ethel Cass, Charles A. Banks, Earl Wright, Munroe Jones and Harry Byers of '13. The total number of members present was 91.

N. Y. S. A. ALUMNI BUSINESS MEETING

The third annual business meeting of the N. Y. S. A. Alumni Association, was held in the parlor of Firemens Hall on Thursday afternoon, following, the Com-

mencement exercises. The members of the 1914 class attended, this being their first meeting as members of that association.

The minutes of the meeting, state the following business:

Meeting called to order by the vice president Esther Rogers.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting.

Financial Report.

Voted to pay dues one year in advance.

The following members were appointed as the banquet committee for the coming year:

Glenn Burdick, chairman

Mrs. Wm. Buck

Miss Grace Higley.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Lynn Langworthy, '14, president

Ruth Watson, '13, vice president

Amasa M. Travis, '14, secretary

Stanley S. Dunn, '14, treasurer

A. H. Rensen, '11, Fiat Lux editor.

GERMAN CLUB

The German Club met last Thursday night at the Cottage. Miss Mildred Saunders read a paper on a "Life of Goethe" and Mr. Mix a paper on "Wilhelm Meister's Lehrjahre." The remainder of the evening was spent in games and contests. A German letter with adjectives supplied at random afforded much amusement. Miss Keime and Mr. Willson were the committee in charge.

She—"Is there any alcohol in cider?"

The Boob (looking around wildly)—"Inside who?"

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The hurdles will probably be
valuable property this spring.
Who is going to pay for new ones?

We wish to congratulate Grover
on his election as manager of the
Fiat Lux and we wish to inform
him that we are back of him and
will follow loyally in his wake.
How are the cigars holding out,
Grover? We smoke.

The young people of Alfred Uni-
versity can and should thank Mr.
Davidson personally, for the in-
terest he has brought to us, for the
religious awakening we have
needed so long. The Y. M. C. A.
men in particular, have received
an impetus that we hope will keep
them awake and cause a revival
of the old Y. M. C. A. spirit.

In electing Ford Barnard presi-
dent of the Y. M. C. A., the men
have chosen well. He is a man
of enthusiasm and perseverance
and a man who has showed him-

self deeply interested in the Y.
M. C. A. and all activities con-
nected with it. It is hoped that
the renewed religious interest of
the college will be felt in the work
and influence of the Y. M. C. A.

Isn't this fine weather? Re-
member, good friends, that the
April fog brings May mud, think
of this and cheer up. What is
the use in expecting the sun to
shine all the time? When it does
shine we shall be able to appreci-
ate the fact.

Our editorial eyes twinkle, as
we watch the young college boys
and girls take advantage of the
fact that, theoretically, spring is
here, and therefore they must go
for a stroll. With deep pleasure
we produce our binoculars and
watch the pleasure seekers climb-
ing bravely through the "sposh,"
They search diligently for a place
to sit down and find that it takes
all of their energy to find a place
to stand up. Dear young friends,
heed our advice.

Wait! Wait until the sun shall
have removed some of the excess
moisture, wait until the flowers
appear in their beauty—then go.
Prance up and down the hills to
your hearts' content. Don't ask
the ladies to go wading, wait and
ask them to go walking.

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ordered a new auto truck of the
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have a capacity of twenty-five
passengers.

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appreciated by the students and is
sure to prove a success.

C. L. M. C. A.

At a special meeting of this as-
sociation last Wednesday, at
chapel period, the following offi-
cers were elected for next year:

Harold B. Stout, '15, president
George H. Brainard, '16, vice
president

Mark R. Sanford, '16, secretary
and treasurer.

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EANGELISTIC MEETINGS

Three More Days

The union evangelistic meetings
under the direction of Rev. E. E.
Davidson which were to close last
Sunday evening, will be continued
April 3, 4 and 5. Mr. Davidson
has had great success in his meet-
ings, not only in the number of
converts, but in an awakened in-
terest in religious affairs on the
part of the townspeople and the
students. It is hoped that the
meetings to come on Friday even-
ing, Saturday morning, afternoon
and evening and Sunday morning
and evening will be well attended
and a just appreciation shown for
the great work Mr. Davidson is
doing here.

ASSEMBLY ADDRESS

Wednesday, March 24, 1914

Professor Weed read a most in-
teresting and instructive paper at
the last assembly on "The Life
and Works of Paderewski," which
he charmingly illustrated with
representative selections from the
famous composer's works. Pro-
fessor Weed rendered the music
with his usual excellent interpre-
tation, and his program provided a
pleasant variation from the usual
assembly routine. The selections
played were: the "Melody in B
Major," Krakowik (a Polish
Dance) and the "Melody in G flat
Major."

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CAMPUS

Correl Barney spent the week-end at his home in Belmont.

Miss Roxy Halsted, N. Y. S. A., '13, of Cuba is visiting in town.

Miss Winifred Howe has been confined to the house by illness.

Miss Mable Hood, '17, spent the week-end at her home in Hornell.

The Ceramic Club meets Wednesday evening with C. K. Higgins.

Arthur S. Higgins of Yonkers spent Friday with his son, C. K. Higgins.

Miss Jessamine Fenner, '16, spent the week-end at her home in Almond.

Lyceum meetings were not held Saturday evening on account of the evangelistic service.

Miss Laura Keegan, N. Y. S. A., has returned to her home in Binghamton for the Easter holidays.

Miss Bessie F. Bacon returned to school Saturday after spending a week at her home in Canaseraga.

Mr. Marion Wells of Wellsville was in town yesterday. He is contemplating entering Alfred this week.

T. H. Armstrong of the Interstate Teachers' Agency, Syracuse, was in town Thursday interviewing Seniors.

The Misses Mary Cornell and Grace Witter of Vassar will be guests of Miss Mathilde Vossler, '14, at the Brick on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Robert S. Griffiths, who has been at his home in Burlington Flats for some time, has returned to town to resume his work in the Agricultural School.

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted Katharine Ridgeway at Firemens Hall, Tuesday evening. Miss Ridgeway's reputation as a reader was well maintained by the entertainment.

Will the person who took a blue silk umbrella with black ebony handle from Firemens Hall last Thursday evening, return it to M. Elliott?

The Vocational Bureau desires that all alumni and friends of Alfred, knowing of vacancies in schools for next year, notify the Bureau in order that the members of the Senior class may be assisted to good positions.

CONCERT

The concert given Thursday evening at Firemens Hall by the University Chorus and Orchestra was a very successful production. The chorus has been working for some time on "The Wreck of the Hesperus" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" and their work showed the result of the training they have received at the hands of Director Wingate. The work of the several soloists was well done and very enjoyable. The program follows:

"Hungarian Dance No. 5"

Orchestra

"We Shepherds Sing"

Ladies' Chorus

Duet from Opera Lakme

Miss Chipman and Miss Woodcock
Elegie (in French)

Miss Ruth H. Prentiss

Violin Obligato—Gustav Hammerstrom

Trio—When the Roses Bloom

Misses Prentiss, Chipman and Taber
Cantata—The Wreck of the Hesperus
Soloists, Chorus and Orchestra

"Come Down, Laughing Streamlet"

Ladies' Chorus

Hallelujah Chorus from the "Messiah"

Chorus and Orchestra

Soloists—Misses Chipman, Prentiss, Taber, Wingate, Woodcock, Messrs. Coon and Fiske.

Accompanists—Mr. Ray W. Wingate, Conductor, Mr. Frank J. Weed and Mr. Leland A. Coon.

KANAKADEA BOARD FOR 1916

Editor-in-Chief, E. L. Burdick of the 1916 Kanakadea has appointed as assistant editors, H. B. Griffiths, F. B. Barnard, Miss Lucy Whitford and Miss Helen Gardiner. James Austin has been appointed assistant business manager and Leon Bassett assistant photographer. Miss Inez Cook has chosen two assistants for the art work, Miss Abbie Burdick and Robert Green. The board will be completed with the class editors elected next fall.

ALUMNI

Ralph Crumb, '11, of Olean spent the week-end in town.

Lawrence M. Bliss, '13, of Bolivar was in town over the week.

Leon Greene, '13, instructor in Manual Training at Mansfield, Pa., Normal School, is spending the Easter vacation in town.

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Monday evening, March 23

Last Monday night occurred the annual entertainment of the Freshmen by the Juniors. The festivities did not start until shortly after 9 o'clock in deference to the evangelistic meetings which are being held this week. During the week each member of the two classes had received a ticket, inviting him, or her to attend a theatre party to be held at Firemens Hall, and both classes were out in force.

The chief event of the evening was a three act farce, "The Shakespeare Water Cure," presented by a cast picked from the girls of the Junior class. The farce which was very humorous, kept the audience in a chronic state of merriment from start to finish, and was very well rendered. Between each act the fellows and girls were matched up for partners to watch the next act.

After the farce a light supper was served by members of the committee in charge of the entertainment. The evening closed with the singing of a few college songs and with the Junior and Freshman class yells.

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area of this country is three billion square miles or about six per cent of the land of the entire world. We have something like one hundred millions of people, which is about five per cent of the population of the entire world. Yet this six per cent of land and five per cent of people produces forty-three per cent of the wheat, corn and oats (ninety-one per cent of the corn) and seventy-one per cent of the cotton of the world. **Every time the sun goes down the farmers of this country add twenty-five million dollars to its wealth....** and this is **real wealth**, a new creation....the blood of the nation. If the farmers were to sell out today it would take thirty-five billion dollars to pay the bill; we must double the money of the entire world and then we would not have enough to pay it;" and Dr. Snyder went on to show the insignificance of the great corporations in comparison with this, our greatest source of wealth; and that the country is necessary to the city, which could not go on without its produce, while the country is sufficient to itself. The great money interests in our centers of population realize this, he said, and keep watch over the production because of its tremendous influence upon the financial condition of the nation. In times of panic, the speaker pointed out, it was the payment of foreign loans by means, not of money, but of agricultural produce, that saved our republic from bankruptcy. "This," he said, "shows the influ-

ence agriculture has upon the economic and financial condition of the country. This twenty-five million dollars that is produced every day is **real gain**. It is the blood of the nation, the blood of commerce, and if that is cut down and the blood becomes thin, something is likely to happen. We should have a panic."

Dr. Snyder then pointed out that, if properly carried on, this great sum, taken from the soil, does not leave it poorer, but better. If, on the other hand nothing is restored to this virgin fertility, the soil is impoverished, and the speaker cited several examples of the exhaustion of agricultural resources in Europe, through the failure to recognize this fact. "The soil," he said, "is our one great natural endowment that can be used, and grow better in using....The time will come when our forests and our minerals are depleted; but this taking from the soil, if done properly, will leave it better than before.

"But Agriculture," he said, "is not the greatest thing in America;....the greatest thing is the democracy of her people by virtue of which every one who has worth may move up and on. "We have no strata in society," said President Snyder....the son of the tanner became the chief executive of the nation. Fourteen sons of farmers have filled the presidential chair. We are not tied down by creed or craft or sect...Of all things in this country, material or otherwise, that place us so far in advance of all other people, this democracy is the

greatest," and he went on to show that agriculture contributes to it in two ways; first in holding back the congestion in our cities, by giving the unemployed an opportunity in our rural districts, which have, until very recently, amply provided for them, and second in furnishing an abundant food supply, which has made it possible for **all classes to live on the same kind of food**, a condition which exists in no other country in the world. "You can look into the dinner pail of any laborer and you will find there wheat bread, meat and butter, essentially the same kind of food that people of means and wealth have.... And I tell you this means a great deal. Men who have the same food that those in the higher classes have will not give way to prejudice and passion so readily." We have never had a bread famine in this country. We know nothing about it and it is when the granaries are not full that people give way to prejudice and passion.

"It will perhaps make this a little more plain if we look into the future, briefly. We have in this country at the present time, about one hundred million people. In the past the number doubled about one and one-half times every fifty years. If the increase continues in this proportion, we shall, in fifty years, have a population of two hundred millions. What does this mean as far as our food-stuffs are concerned? It is a self-evident fact, that if their production does not increase as rapidly, a great portion of our people **must live on cheap food**.... We shall segregate on food lines. Two families will not sit in the same pew in church, one living on black bread, the other on wheat bread. They will not even attend the same church. It has always been so. People living on cheap foods will go by themselves..... Naturally those who belong to one class will go into the same political party and it is not difficult to imagine that we will be divided on that line. Possibly the government will fall into the hands of the people who live on black bread and potatoes....but when that time comes our democracy, which means so much to every one, will be gone;" and Dr. Snyder quoted a passage from

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Macaulay, propounding exactly
this condition.

"But," he continued, "I am not
so pessimistic as to predict that
we are going to come to that
though there is much in what Lord
Macaulay said. **The output
from the farms must keep pace
with the growth in population or
we shall segregate along food
lines.**"

The speaker showed how this
has been accomplished in the past,
through the tremendous resources
of the Mississippi Valley, which,
during the last fifty years, has
made it possible to bring ten mil-
lion of acres, annually, under cul-
tivation, **but which is now ex-
hausted.** "Probably," he said,
there is no more land to be
brought under this plow except
the little that can be redeemed by
irrigation, and even this, he
pointed out, is an area insuffi-
cient to provide for the increase
for more than three or four years.
"The problem we are facing,"
continued Dr. Snyder, "is simply
this: that the land now under cul-
tivation must increase in produc-
tion.... Within the next fifty
years, New York, Michigan, and
other states must double their
production, or the people of a

large portion of these states will
be living on some kind of inferior
food. This is the greatest econ-
omic problem that is confronting
us today, and it is more than econ-
omic because **it affects our social
fabric.**

Agricultural education and de-
velopment is endeavoring to make
the necessary increase possible,
and it concerns every citizen of
this country, the speaker pointed
out, the city dwellers even more
than those in the country, for it is
they who must suffer first if a
shortage of food occurs. "The
people are waking up to this
fact," he said, "We are trying to
meet this condition. The nation-
al government is increasing ap-
propriations for agriculture. It is
now passing a bill for extension
work, that we may increase our
food supply. Our states are do-
ing something in extension work,
and in establishing agricultural
schools such as we have here, but
the problem confronting us is a
basic one, and one in which every
good citizen should feel inter-
ested.

"This," said Dr. Snyder in con-
clusion, "is one of the schools we
have established that is gaining
popularity and doing good work.
I am very glad, therefore, to be
here and to meet this graduating
class from whom we shall expect
much in this great work."

Hearty applause attested the
appreciation of the audience for
this clear statement of the tre-
mendous issue at stake in our na-
tional life, as President Snyder
closed his address and turned to
speak a few words to the graduat-
ing class.

To its members he pointed out
the fact that education does not
cease with school life, but must
continue through the daily work
and pleasure of the future, and
the degree of education already
attained would, he said, be ex-
hibited not only in the way in
which that work was accomp-
lished, but in the way in which
leisure hours were spent, in the
recreations chosen. "You are no
longer students" he said, "but
will, in a few moments step from
this hall as alumni. What is
it to be an alumnus? What does
it mean? The word had its origin
in the Latin verb "alere," to
nourish, or rear. Thus an alum-

nus is one who has been nourished,
reared, brought up.... Thus far
the process has been passive.
Your college training has been
your "bringing up.".... Now you
stand forth as alumni, and you
should realize the deeper mean-
ing of the word; you have reached
that stage in which you should be-
come worthy of something greater.
Dr. Snyder drew an analogy be-
tween the relation of child to par-
ent and student to Alma Mater,
pointing out the debt of gratitude
which the alumnus owes to the
school which has furnished the
steps by which he may climb, and
to the state which makes the ex-
istence of the school possible. In
concluding these words of advice
to the graduate, he called atten-
tion to the highest ideals of the
true citizen which prompt him to
do a little more than his share in
whatever work may fall to his
lot, and to find the highest and
greatest reward in the conscious-
ness of duty well done, which is
the only true success, "No one,"
he said, "can cheat you of success.
Remember this.... and at the end
you may look back and say, with
the Latin poet: "The conscious-
ness of a life spent in noble deeds
is most delightful."

Following the address of Dr.
Snyder, Theodore Clausen and
Amasa Travis, of the graduating
class, sang a duet "Come Unto
Me, Ye Weary," and President
Davis, after a few words of affec-
tionate farewell on behalf of the
faculty, presented the diplomas.

Thus, after the singing of the
"Alma Mater," the most success-
ful commencement in the history
of the N. Y. S. A. was brought to
a close, amid the congratulations
of the newly created alumni by
parents and friends.

Following is a list of the suc-
cessful candidates for the state di-
ploma:

Edna Crandall Bonham
*Howard Ferris Bowles
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*Amy Streeter Buck
Clifford Truman Burdick
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Y. W. C. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

Before the election of officers at the regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Sunday evening the following reports were given by the chairman of the various committees:

Religious Meetings—Clara French
Social Service—Edna Burdick
Association News—Mable Michler
Membership—Nathalie Wanzer
Missionary—Susan Hooker
Conference—Eva Williams
Finance—Mathilde Vossler
Secretary's Report—Nina Palmiter

After these reports had been given the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Susan Hooker, '15
Vice President—Nina Palmiter, '16
Treasurer—Edith Burdick, '15
Secretary—Dorothy Wells, '17
Advisor—Mrs. C. F. Binns.

The above named officers are all well qualified for their positions and the Y. W. C. A. is sure of a successful year under this staff.

President Susan Hooker is well fitted to fill her office. Although she has only been with us for two years she has shown herself to be an active and an enthusiastic Christian worker. Miss Hooker attended the Convention of the Student Volunteers of New York State held at Ithaca last year and was chosen by the University students this year to be one of their representatives at the International Convention of Student Volunteers at Kansas City.

Misses Palmiter, Burdick and Wells have all shown themselves to be live members of the Y. W. C. A. and they at all times do their best for the Association. Mrs. Binns has been advisor for the past year and filled her position so well that she has been re-elected.

LIBRARY NOTES

The library has received for use in the department of education, the following:

Playgrounds for the years 1910, 1911 and 1912 together with the Proceedings for the year 1908.

For student use the following books have been received:

Hardy—Return of the Native.
Hardy—Life's Little Ironies.

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CERAMIC NOTES

The oil has arrived and the revelation kiln will be fired next Friday.

The Sophomore girls are building garden jars.

Katharine Ridgeway and her accompanist, with Prof. and Miss Wingate, visited the school, Tuesday.

At the spring opening of the Ceramic School, which is to occur immediately after Easter vacation, it is expected that the fritt furnaces, potter's wheel, jigger, mold running, the revelation kiln, pottery building and decorating, and other processes will be shown in operation. Every one is cordially invited to come and become acquainted with the methods of ceramic work. The designs, drawings and pottery of the students will be on exhibition. Some splendid work has been done. Come and see it.

Prof. Montgomery has completed the electric furnace he has been working on for the past few weeks. This furnace will be used for experimental work and laboratory tests.

C. Forrest Tefft, '14, left Monday for East Sparta, Ohio, where he will make arrangements to enter the employ of The United States Roof and Tile Co.

I. Andrew Kruson has completed arrangements with The Sun Brick Co. of Toronto, to enter their employ immediately after the close of school.

Miss Binns spoke on Ceramics at Friendship High School last Saturday. She spoke at Olean, Monday afternoon.

The school has received several samples of waste slate from the State Prison. An endeavor is being made to produce some kind of paving brick from the samples. So far the prospects at this attempt are very encouraging.

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