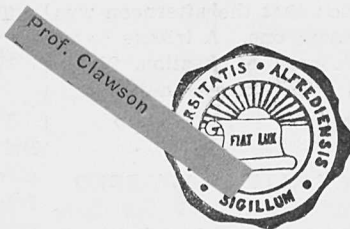


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## Dr. N. H. Dearborn Delivers Founders' Address

On December 10th, at the usual Assembly hour, the 90th anniversary of the founding of Alfred University was observed with the simple and traditional ceremonies which will always leave a memory dear to the hearts of the graduating students. The student body stood in respectful attention, singing their class songs with deep-felt emotion as Marshall Seidlin led the grave procession of faculty and seniors, clad in their scholastic attire, to their appointed places of honor in Firemens Hall. Founder's Day is a day of pride for members of the senior class, when they appear for the first time in their caps and gowns, and the campus itself presented a new aspect, as here and there a black gown of scholastic endeavor fluttered in the wintry winds.

President Davis addressed the graduating class with sincere congratulations, and then introduced the speaker of the day, Dr. Ned H. Dearborn, of the New York State Department of Education at Albany. Dr. Dearborn has won prominence and popularity in his work as an educator, and his wide experience in educational fields, his invaluable contact with the needs of our teaching systems and of our students of today made him a speaker well befitting the occasion.

Dr. Dearborn spoke of the term "success," and dealt with the true meaning of the word and its application to life and to the individual.

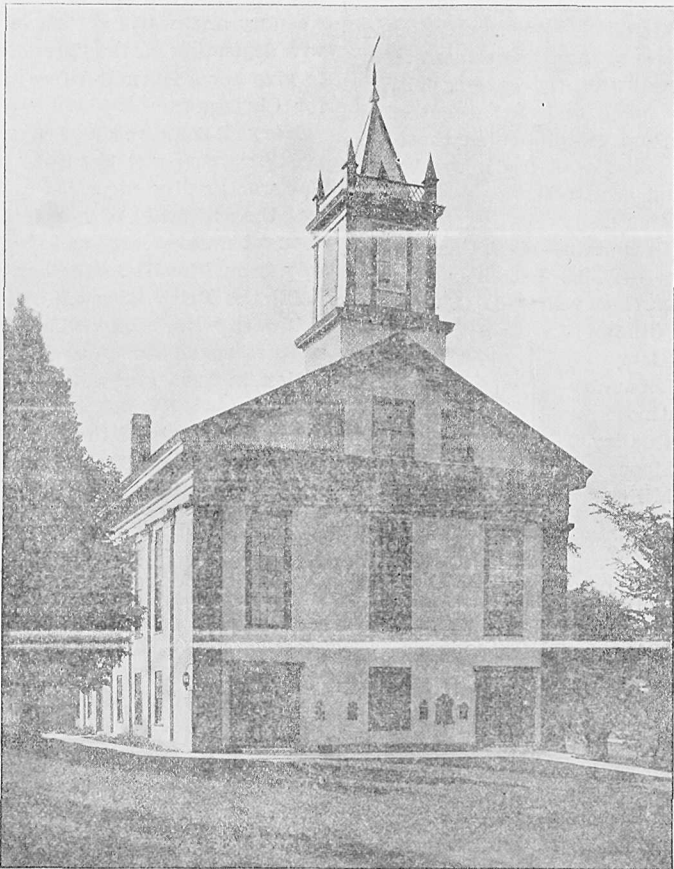
"Success," he said, "as a, not the, definition, is the attainment of that position in life which enables the individual to exercise in full measure his powers, whatever they may be. Certain elements enter into the concepts of success which seem to be fundamental in the teacher's preparation and in daily life.

"H. G. Wells has cited six of the famous men of history, each of whom has contributed to the growth and progress of civilization—Christ, Buddha, Asaca, Aristotle, Roger Bacon, and Lincoln. Probably those men attained that position in which they were able to exercise their powers after they had passed on from this life. You and I, if we have directed our thoughts toward social progress, may pass on before we can realize that true position.

The full measure of one's abilities implies that true success is a matter of individuality alone. No one can determine the success of his neighbor. You, individually, are the only one to determine that. Does that mean to do away with the conventional standards of life? No, indeed. I will not decry the benefit of these standards for the general run of people. I simply state that we must analyze our own activities, and when that has been done we have a perfect right to say we have gone a long way toward realization of the ideal in mind.

It is my particular good fortune to be associated with some of the outstanding men in the educational work of the country: Dr. Angell of Yale, Professor Thorndike of Columbia, Dr. Judd of the University of Chicago, who form a committee for the distribution of finances intended for educational improvement, and I have learned that these men have reached the pinnacle of success by playing the game squarely, and by analyzing their activities to the minute detail.

I refer you to Colonel Leonard Ayres, one of the most prominent men in the statistical and educational worlds today. Born of humble parentage in New England, he fought tubercular germs in his youth and carried on his personal education under great difficulties. He became director of the Russel Sage Foundation,



ACADEMY HALL

## ALFRED REACHES 90th YEAR

Ninety years ago in the little pioneer village of Alfred, set in the midst of mighty, forest-covered hills, there was started a select school, consisting of a teacher and thirty-seven pupils who gathered in the upper room of a village house. Here was laid the foundation upon which Alfred University has been, and is being, slowly and carefully built.

The sturdy inhabitants of this tiny settlement did not allow their interest to wane in their school but, appreciating the advantages of education they wholeheartedly gave of their time and substance for its support. An Academy with suitable, though meager equipment, was organized under a charter granted in 1843. Three years later on the present campus three school buildings were erected.

The Academy continued to grow and prosper until it seemed advisable to seek a university charter. William Colegrove Kenyon, A. M., was the first president of Alfred University, sixty-eight years ago. These first years were indeed extremely hard for the grand old men who gave their very lives to the little college struggling for existence. It was of these times that Reverend Randolph thought when he wrote "She was founded in toil, cemented with blood and nurtured through yearnings and tears."

So it is that once each year on the fifth of December the modern Alfred University pauses, and thinks back to the days when the first Alfredians trod the campus ways, sat in the then "new Academy" and dreamed and labored for a better Alfred.

### FIAT LUX CALENDER, DEC. 15, 1925

- Dec. 15. Junior class meeting, 7:00 at Kenyon Hall
- Dec. 15. Student Senate meeting, 7:00 P. M. at Community House.
- Dec. 15. Freshman Party, 8:00 P. M. at Academy Hall
- Dec. 15. Athletic Council meeting, 8:30 P. M. at Kanakadea Hall.
- Dec. 16. Glee Club, 5:00 P. M. at Music Studio.
- Dec. 16. Choir, 7:00 P. M. at Music Studio.
- Dec. 16. Y. M. C. A. meeting at 7:15 P. M.
- Dec. 16. Klan Alpine party.
- Dec. 16. Basketball game, Hobart, abroad.
- Dec. 17. Recess begins, evening.
- Dec. 17. Basketball game, Rochester University, abroad.
- Jan. 4, 1926. Kanakadea dance, 8:00 P. M. at Academy Hall.
- Jan. 5. Instruction Resumed, morning.
- Jan. 5. Basketball game, Allegheny, abroad.
- Jan. 6. Fiat Lux Staff meeting, 7:00 P. M. at Kenyon Hall.

head of the statistical department of General Pershing's staff, member of the Dawes Commission, and at present vice president of the Cleveland Trust Company. Why was the Colonel so successful? Because he was a man of vision and imagination, of courage and persistence, — a hard worker, and most important of all, was a man of personal integrity and intellectual honesty."

### THE NEW GYM NEARS COMPLETION

Indoor track activities at the New Gym are now in full swing, and the big structure is rapidly taking on the aspect of a completed building.

Electric lighting facilities have been installed, but current is not yet available; the expanse of hard-wood floor has still to be polished; and seats which will be situated on the track when needed, will soon be ready.

When students return from Christmas vacation, the completed gym will undoubtedly be ready for inspection and enthusiastic discussion.

### NOTE CHANGES IN RULES FOR BASKETBALL SEASON

The following are the most important changes in the basketball rules for this season:

1. Goal zones are abolished. Free throw lines are the part of the old zones lines within the circles.
2. The hand behind the back requirement on jump ball is abolished.
3. The edges of the backboard are not considered out of bounds when the ball strikes them if the ball rebounds to the court.
4. After a free throw following a technical foul the ball shall be thrown up at center whether the free throw is missed or made.
5. A player may pivot after a legal dribble.

## Footlight Club Presents "Peg O' My Heart"

The judges of last night's play, "Peg O' My Heart," voted it one of the biggest successes of the Footlight Club in recent years. The book itself is very popular with the American public and the clever handling of the various parts made it doubly interesting. The Club was handicapped by a poor playhouse, with very poor lighting, which has probably been a thorn in the side of the dramatists for many years.

The comedy portrays the experiences of an Irish-American girl, Peg, who is suddenly cast down on some of her aristocratic relatives. The action and plot are weaved around her reactions as to environment and effect on the people she meets. The setting for the first act, of the three act play, is in the Chichester residence. The Chichesters have just learned that they are penniless, due to the closing of their bank. Peg is a godsend to them financially, as they are to receive a salary for caring for her. After much argumentation on the part of the Chichesters they decide to take the girl, Peg, in.

The second act is at the same home one month later. Peg has improved in appearance but to the Chichesters, is very disappointing. In this act two important things take place. Peg goes to a dance with Jerry and finds she is in love. Ethel is about to run off with Chris. Brent, Peg stops her in the attempt.

The third act is one day later. Montgomery Hawkes, Peg's attorney, calls to get a report on her improvement and finds her preparing to return to her father in New York. Aloric has proposed to her, through the wishes of his mother. Even the London attorney, Hawkes, makes overtures to her. Jerry then announces himself as the executor of the late Uncle Nate and explains the will to Peg.

The concluding scenes in this last act are concerned with the recuperating of the Chichester fortune and the love of Jerry and Peg.

The playing of the individual amateurs was very commendable, especially Miss Margaret Prentice and Allen Nellis. Miss Prentice, as Peg and Allen Nellis, as Aloric, are deserving of particular mention. Their clever acting left little room for criticism or reproach.

The production of the play was by the Club itself, coached by Miss Katherine Dieneman. The staging was in charge of James Cosman. He was ably assisted and arranged a clever background for the play. The Chichester home was furnished in period furniture and suggested an aristocratic English home.

The cast included:  
Peg Margaret Prentice  
Jerry Thomas Moore  
Mrs. Chichester Elizabeth Babcock  
Ethel (her daughter)

Charlotte Rose  
Aloric (her son) Allen Nellis  
Christian Brent Howard Dennison  
Montgomery Hawkes

Herbert Woodward  
Jarvis (a butler) Desmond Devitt  
Bennett (a maid) Katherine Keller  
Coach Katherine Dieneman  
Stage Manager James Cosman

### NOTICE

The Assembly address for January 7th, will be given by Annie Elizabeth Neely, Assistant Dean of Women at Cornell, and who is a representative of committee on Admission of Colleges for a North Atlantic Section of the University of Women.

Prof.—What are the seven ages of man?

Bobbed, in front row—I don't know, but women have one age and stick to it.  
—Denison Flamingo.

## Alfred Wins Pre-Schedule Game From Hornell Team

In a spirited contest at the Old Gym last Wednesday night, Alfred ran up a 48-28 score against an incipient athletic club basketball team from Hornell. A fairly large-sized crowd filled the gym to capacity.

For the first time this year, Alfred students saw their basketball team in action. The Alfred five showed a lineup of seemingly well-picked and matched men who played a consistent and steady game. Hornell presented an array of players who were not so well-graduated in size, but who showed active opposition and good team work.

At first, the playing of both teams evidenced the slight crudity which is present at every first game, but as the players warmed up smoother playing became the order. In the first half, Hornell gave Alfred a number of points on fouls, but did some brilliant work in basket shooting which promised tough opposition. But Alfred tightened up and showed form which soon established a substantial lead. Bunched playing on the part of both teams developed into more open pass work, but Hornell did most of the dribbling. Alfred's short pass system contracted with the number of long passes made by Hornell. Throughout the game, Alfred consistently increased the score against active opposition, but Hornell had quite some success in breaking up Alfred's passing.

Geer, at center, did some remarkable playing for Alfred. Despite his size, he moved quickly, widely, and flipped baskets neatly and often from points not far from center. It is thought that there is a basketball prodigy who will replace "Big Mac," who was graduated last June.

For Hornell, Buck played well at defense, and Kraft and Conz starred at offense. Manny Friedman, an ex-Rochester Central player, was at a disadvantage due to the small court.

While Alfred won the game by a good margin, and the Hornell team put up a stiff defense, the victory is not unusually significant. Hornell's men represented a comparatively new organization, which, although containing good material, had not had much practice. But everything considered Alfred is looked upon as having distinctly favorable prospects for the season.

Alfred		Hornell
	R. F.	
Babcock (Capt.) (7)		Kraft (9)
	L. F.	
Nichols (10)		Conz (7)
	C	
Geer (20)		Buck (3)
	R. G.	
Nellis (5)		McGrasso (4)
	L. G	
Chamberlain		Geary (2)

Substitutions:  
Alfred: Zielinski for Babcock, Lyon for Zielinski, Zielinski for Nichols, Foti for Nellis, Clark for Chamberlain.

Hornell: McGrasso for Conz, Pickslley for Buck, Friedman for McGrasso, Wescott for Friedman, Friedman for Geary.

Referee—Lobaugh.

### HOBART ALFRED'S FIRST SCHEDULE GAME

The Alfred quintet will play the fast Hobart team at Geneva on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, as the first schedule game of the basketball season.

While the game at Geneva will be Alfred's first, it will be the fifth for Hobart, whose team has already played Syracuse, Colgate, Hamilton, and Rochester.

Rochester, beaten by Hobart last Saturday, comes next on Alfred's schedule, on Dec. 17, at Rochester.



**KAPPA PSI UPSILON**  
The fraternity wishes to announce to the campus the initiation of Doctor Campbell and Professor Ray Wingate. Kappa Psi heartily welcomes these new brothers.

Saturday evening Kappa Psi held its annual Founder's Day Banquet. We were very glad to see Sanford Cole '23 back. However we regret very much that we could not have more of the alumni present.

Brother Spier has a new plan in his "fertile brain." He is making a collection of tobaccos. We wish you luck "Elsie."

Brother Barone has invented a new trick tuxedo. He is enlightening us on what the well-dressed man will wear.

Hubbard moved up to Caruso's. Hubbard needs rest, and a quiet place to live in; Cervino's singing makes "Hub" roam for secluedness.

Brother Begel hates to think what would happen if the house lost the "can-opener."

**SIGMA CHI NU**  
Sigma Chi Nu Sorority takes great pleasure in announcing the initiation to membership of the following girls: Hazel Bright, Theda Johnson, Ruth Lunn and Margaret Kime.

Miss Helen Titsworth was a dinner guest at the house last week.

Ruth Hewitt spent the week-end at her home in Friendship.

We took advantage of our Saturday night privilege and had a little dancing party this last week-end.

**THETA THETA CHI**  
Mrs. Grantier of Hornell, and Miss Nelson were luncheon guests at Morgan Hall, Thursday noon.

Theta Theta Chi compliments the Ceramic Guild on their excellent social afternoon, Friday.

The Christmas Carols on Sunday morning were enjoyed by us all even though we were too cold to applaud. Our fireplace room is adorned with a Christmas tree which Betty and Prentice brought home.

Vi, Ruth and Tus enjoyed a most pleasant Saturday evening at the home of President and Mrs. Davis.

Harriet, Grace and Joyce bought Hornell out Saturday morning.

**DELTA SIGMA PHI**  
Ellis Drake spent the week-end with us.

Last Thursday "Chet" Lyon left for Princeton to attend the World Court Convention Saturday. He had an interview in New York City with the Rhodes scholarship committee.

The wintry weather didn't keep Dunbar away. He made his usual visit.

Bliss isn't a bit white. He's a regular alligator with the women.

Several of the boys attended the Burdick Hall dance and everyone reported a wonderful time.

Coots has at last confessed. He's going to pass cigars again soon.

There was a warm time at Delta Sig last Friday night. Six men were initiated: Jeffery, Harold Hamilton, Thatcher, Dunn, Scielzo, and Foti. Standing was popular Saturday.

Babcock says, "Gee, if I had only made ten baskets against Hornell, Pop Geer wouldn't stand a show." "Pop" says he really is beginning to like it at Alfred.

"Jack" Grady spent Saturday and Sunday in Friendship as guest of Mr. and Mrs. "Kidder" Witter.

**BURDICK HALL**  
Perhaps you have noticed the manner in which we have improved our club room. We are extremely proud of it for those who know tell us that the Hall has never before been put in such fine condition. Much of the credit is due to Mr. Goble who has been the impelling spirit behind all this activity. Likewise we owe much to the house committee, which has done so much to further the best interests of the Hall.

Most of the boys were here this week-end due to the proximity of the holidays.

The Hall has been very busy this week trying to keep up with a dance, two shows, and at least two club meetings a day.

"De Palma" Easton tried to cut up on the Wellsville road the other day and nearly decreased the Halls registration by three when some mud got

on his glasses and interfered with his view of the road.

Bob Hinton has converted his truck into a touring car over the week-end. We understand that he even got the best of the second hand dealer while doing so. Due to his marked ability in this line there is some talk of appointing him purchasing agent for the Hall.

The Hall has a new mascot, "Queenie" and we are very proud of her tricky ways.

Notice to the Brick:—We, the Burdick Hall quartet, thank you for your kind compliment, and wish that you would call upon us to favor you with our meagre refretorre at any time. Call 79-Y-4.

**THETA KAPPA NU**  
Mr. and Mrs. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand, Mr. and Mrs. MacArdle, Mr. and Mrs. Welch and brother Gardner and wife were dinner guests on Sunday to help us enjoy the pre-vacation Christmas dinner.

Brother Stearns is going to cut wood during Christmas vacation. Says he has got a big deal to put across.

There must have been a cider barrel in the neighborhood. Last Saturday the boys struck to the timber with saws and sweat shirts and by night there was about ten cords of fire wood piled in the cellar.

Brother MacArdle is driving to his home in Boston for the holidays. He is filling the back seat full of snow shovelers.

Sunday was the beginning of a Theta Kappa Nu Mothers Club.

Theta Kappa Nu thanks the German Club for wakening us Sunday morning with Christmas carols. And we wish everyone a Frohliche Werhnachten und ein glucklicher Newjahr.

**BURDICK HALL PROM**  
According to a long established custom which was neglected last year but was revived this year by the peppy fledglings, Burdick Hall gave its annual invitation prom in the Alumni Hall on Thursday evening. Each member of the Burdick Hall Club was allowed two bids which gave him the privilege of asking another couple to be his guests.

A clever plan of decoration was effectively carried out in black and orange, the colors of Burdick Hall. The decoration committee is to be complimented on the originality of their work in making the old gym reach its zenith of glory in decoration. An eight piece orchestra led by Jimmie De Salvo with the singing by Rusty White, furnished the music for the dancing.

Huge containers of punch and cider were quickly emptied to quench the thirst of the merrymakers.

The campus is greatly puzzled by the significance of the initials "B. O. S.—?" Although we've been told they represent "Board of Strategy" we suspect a hidden meaning and we wonder.

**CERAMIC GUILD ENTERTAINS AT TEA**

The Ceramic artists entertained at the Ceramic School Friday afternoon, December 11 from 3:30 till 6 o'clock in the event of their annual Christmas sale. The hostesses and their guests enjoyed dancing and tea.

The design room was attractively furnished with cozy tea tables and long serving tables where Mrs. Fred Ellis, Mrs. Radasch, Mrs. Holbrook, and Miss Elsie Binns poured. The affair was supervised by the Sophomore girls. Helen Brundige was the chairman of the committee.

The studio and lecture room up stairs were decorated simply and effectively with candles and stained glass windows that "defied detection." The ceramic students are surely to be congratulated on this gratifying result of many hours work. The dance floors were filled at all times, testifying to the fact that "Jimmy's" orchestra struck a harmonious and responsive note in all who heard.

Displayed in the "tea room of the moment" were choice pieces of pottery and exquisite selections from the jewelry craft. Many interesting, orange wrapped packages were carefully carried away, and they will no doubt find a new background under someone's Christmas tree.

Everyone present was enthusiastic

in the opinion that the afternoon was a most pleasant one. A tribute to its success is th insistant question, "When will Ceramic Guild have another tea-dance?" Soon, we hope!

**VARSIITY LETTERS AWARDED**

During intermission at the Kanakadea Varsity dance, Thursday evening, Dec. 3, at Academy Hall, Tom Moore, President of the Athletic Association, presented the twenty-one football A's and the eight cross country A's awarded to Varsity men.

Each man, as he stepped forward to receive his letter, was roundly applauded by those present. President Moore, before bestowing the letters, delivered a short speech on the event of the evening, and complimented those who were to receive Alfred's symbols of honor and gratitude.

The letter men:  
Football captain—H. E. Chamberlain  
Manager—E. K. Lebohner  
Trainer (last year)—L. C. Spier

L. A. Gilman  
L. E. Geer  
L. C. Lobaugh  
A. Mutino  
L. C. Quailey  
T. C. Moore  
K. G. Miller  
A. W. Miller  
J. L. Grady  
G. W. Bliss  
D. M. Tillim  
D. Fredericks  
L. B. Cottrell  
F. L. Coots  
R. C. Fulmer  
R. E. Gardner  
T. J. Wright  
A. A. Nellis  
D. H. Rolfe  
Cross Country Captain—Hollis Her-

rick  
Manager—Neal Welch  
H. F. McGraw  
E. F. Ladd  
R. B. Witter  
H. Boulton  
R. E. Brown  
W. C. Getz

One regrettable occurrence marred the success of the evening. A very small crowd remained to see the Varsity letters awarded. Those who left the hall have been the objects of sharp censure for their poor showing of loyal sentiment.

**LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SUBSCRIBE FOR YEAR BOOK**

The staff of the 1927 Kanakadea has been notified by the publishers that the manufacturer of the covers must know the exact number of books to be made by January fifth. The Christmas vacation is not over until January fifth.

With the above facts staring him in the face, business manager Stearns is faced with the knowledge that he must declare the subscription campaign closed at the end of this week. Every person who expects a 1927 Kanakadea next April when the edition appears for delivery must, therefore, have made a deposit with his order from any staff member by the end of this week.

After all there is no necessity for the campaign to drag along another month. The deposit is a small one and can be as easily spared now as it can four weeks from now. Orders will be taken at Assembly Thursday and from any one of a list of Juniors whose names are posted on the Post Office bulletin board. The moral of this tale is "act now."

One other impression should be given a final correction. No extra books will be ordered from the publishers, consequently no books will be sold next spring. The only individuals to receive books when the edition comes off the press will be those who have placed their orders before January fifth.

The moral of this end on the tale is "don't be among the disappointed."

**BRICK**  
The prevalent conversation in the Brick now is "What are you going to give Tom, Dick or Harry for Xmas? I haven't the slightest idea what to give my man, or "Come up stairs and I'll show you the sweetest gift I just bought for him."

We have just broken the sad news to Marian Trowbridge that there is no Santa Clause. Broken hearted Marian told Audreye and now the two are weeping and wailing 'cause Audreye was depending on the "grand old man" to give her a Hornell-Alfred time table for Christmas.

Mary Rogers received a wonderful pre-Christmas gift Saturday morning. She was greatly surprised and excited by the arrival of her father who "bought an overcoat" and came all the way from Florida to see her.

All the Brick girls are filling their suitcases with books. They are planning to spend the three weeks of vacation in hard study. That's a lot of bunk!

The occupants of the sleeping porch appreciated the efforts of the carol singers but they wish that a more opportune hour had been chosen 'cause they were so tired and sleepy.

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**LEADING FLORIST**  
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The writer of the "Freshmen Are  
We Quitters?" wishes to explain the  
paragraph alluding to the pugnacious,  
hot-headed, conceited, cock of the walk  
group. By the word "group" he did  
not mean a clique but a number of in-  
dividuals.

## A CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

The spirit of criticism seems ramp-  
ant—constructive and otherwise. In  
recent issues of the Fiat, heated dis-  
cussions have arisen as the result of  
sensational criticism which has been  
the by-product of immature thought  
and oftimes hasty decision. The high  
feeling which accompanies such expres-  
sions of sentiment has obscured an  
issue of vital importance to college  
harmony and justice.

The need for quiet, thoughtful, and  
constructive criticism is imperative.  
We must look beneath many smaller  
complaints to seek the main source of  
dissatisfaction.

Freshmen know why members of  
their class are called upon to do  
"Frosh Duty." It is the logical and  
natural thing. The practice supports  
old college tradition and custom. Alu-  
mi, Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores  
have all done their bit during their  
respective Freshman years. Thus  
every class now in college except the  
Freshman class, has seen service at  
campus work.

But the system under which Fresh-  
man now perform their duties is as  
much a college as a Freshman griev-  
ance. Managers, assistant managers,  
and other campus officers unite to  
voice the indignant complaint, "What's  
the matter with these Frosh, anyhow?  
I never saw a lazier bunch at Alfred."  
Sometimes sure and summary punish-  
ment is meted out to delinquents, but  
not always with justice.

And the Freshman answer: "Do we  
have to do all the work?" or "Why  
should I work my head off, when so-  
and-so never does anything?" Mis-  
understanding and hard feeling result  
in inefficient co-operation. And why  
not? The disorganized system under  
which Freshmen are compelled to work  
can produce nothing else. For in-  
stance, several upperclassmen or man-  
agers decide to publish a list of Fresh-  
men from A to D to appear at certain  
places ready for work. What follows?  
Freshmen are invariably called to ac-  
count, and various explanations are  
offered. Some hold water. When a  
person in authority has to obtain  
Freshman labor on short notice, he al-  
ways goes to the nearest and easiest  
source—in every case—Burdick Hall.  
Is this significant? Who would not  
rebell at such an apportionment of  
work?

Here is another aspect of the case.  
Those who have authority do not know  
the capacities of the Freshman they  
handle. Why should the Freshmen of  
delicate build do heavy work at the  
athletic field, while good football ma-  
terial decorates the gym? Yet such  
things happen all to frequently. Pre-  
medical students could also be assign-

ed as trainers—a position to which  
they are adapted by inclination and  
knowledge.

A systematization of this haphazard  
and careless method of apportioning  
"Frosh Duties" is the solution for  
much of the seeming unwillingness  
and laziness on the part of the Fresh-  
men. The Forum has been abolished.  
Then why not abolish another unjust  
and inefficient system which directly  
furnished many objects for Forum ac-  
tivity? With the assurance that they  
are receiving fair and impartial treat-  
ment, the Freshman class as a whole,  
will more willingly co-operate in the  
discharge of campus duties.

What is to prevent the student body  
from taking action to relieve this situ-  
ation? Why not create a new college  
office of "administrator of campus  
duties?" Such an officer could be  
solely responsible for the apportioning  
of Freshman work. He could classify  
eligible Freshmen and be the only one  
empowered to assign duties. Man-  
agers or upperclassmen requiring  
Freshmen labor could obtain workers  
through the administrator of campus  
duties. This would eliminate the dis-  
advantage and unfairness of "too many  
bosses," insure just distribution of  
work among all Freshmen, and give  
a square deal to all concerned. The  
administrator would be responsible for  
all affairs pertaining to his office,  
and in turn, be responsible to the Stu-  
dent Senate.

## FOUNDERS' DAY—WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

We wonder sometimes if the aver-  
age Alfred student realizes the true  
significance of Founder's Day.

Could the above mentioned tell his  
parents at home of the early years in  
Alfred's history? Is he able to read  
between the lines of the Alma Mater  
and see the sacrifice, the toil, the  
worry, that has gone into the building  
of his Alma Mater? Does a vivid  
picture flash into his mind when on  
Thursday mornings he sings "She was  
founded in toil, cemented in blood?"  
Does he realize the enormous advance  
which his Alma Mater has made since  
the present leader took the helm?

It seems to us that a review of  
these vital facts, once each year on  
December 5th, by a speaker who has  
seen and who can tell, would bring  
home to the present college genera-  
tions the actual significance of "the  
Day of the Founders."

## HOW MUCH INTEREST ?

Every Alfred student pays an an-  
nual athletic fee of fifteen dollars.  
This is comparatively large. Do you  
know for what and how it is used?

Last Wednesday evening at the Y.  
M. C. A. Meeting at the Parish House,  
Coach Miller spoke on "How About  
Athletics in Alfred?" He discussed  
the relation of Alfred University and  
students to athletics, athletic admin-  
istration, and the value of athletics  
in general. About ten men attended.  
Coach Miller's talk hinged upon top-  
ics which were of vital importance  
and interest to every Alfred student  
man or woman, athletic or scholar.

Next Wednesday evening Coach

Miller will again speak on the same  
general topic. Here is a worth-while  
opportunity to become acquainted  
with a personality rare among  
coaches—one with real athletic ethics.

Coach Miller has an interest in his  
work which is beyond personal as-  
piration, he has coached champion  
teams in both football and basketball,  
and has brought a coaching record to  
Alfred which is well-nigh unbeatable.  
Did you know this?

Watch for announcements.

To the Editor of the Fiat Lux:

I beg to call attention to an error,  
which was printed in an article head-  
ed, "Freshmen, Are We Quitters?" in  
last week's publication. The state-  
ment was: "To strengthen the Var-  
sity our coach was taken."

The change was not made to  
strengthen the Varsity, but because  
Dr. Ferguson's schedule did not per-  
mit him to leave for practice at the  
time scheduled while mine allowed me  
to do so.

Truly Yours,  
F. L. GOBLE.

Dec. 13th, 1925.

December 11, 1925

Editor Fiat Lux,  
Dear Sir:

I sincerely hope that I am embody-  
ing the sentiment of a large part of  
the student body in this communica-  
tion, which is chiefly a suggestion, in-  
volving an old but important issue—  
cheer leading.

As a University, participating in  
most collegiate sports, I think we  
could be better felt, verably as well  
as movably, through an organized  
cheer leading squad. Briefly my plan  
is this:

Have each class elect two capable  
individuals for the cheer leading squad,  
which will be composed of eight mem-  
bers. Then a meeting of all athletic  
captains should be held for the pur-  
pose of electing a cheer leader.

This is only a suggestion, and sub-  
ject to improvement. Yet immediate  
action ought to be taken, because in  
no other way can we arouse that in-  
tangible collegiate spirit, which is  
fundamentally necessary for athletic  
success.

Sincerely yours,  
ED. ZEBROWSKI.

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**TITTLE-TATTLE**  
Author Unknown

When you're sitting at the Steinheim  
With the only girls on earth,  
And your soul is up and yearning—  
Stop and ponder what it's worth.

Maybe she's the Brick's best bet,  
Or better still, a Theta Chi,  
Even so, old Joe collegiate—  
Life is long before you die.

Look into the distant future  
Look and see her by your side  
See her dancing—fat and fifty  
With a partner, sorely tried.

Love her, kiss her, dance her ragged  
Take her lips and eyes and all  
Then break loose and keep on running  
Stumble, boy, but never fall.

**POETRY**

The fire in the fireplace  
Crackled with earnest flame  
But to the couple on the davenport  
It crackled all in vain.  
Sparks from the fireplace flew out  
And fell on the loving couple  
Like flakes of snow.....

When the co-ed does it—it's sin.  
When you do it—it's experience.

Well, to be decent for a bit—

The Forum has been discarded,  
whether for non-support, inefficiency,  
or general unpopularity is beside the  
point—th fact remains that it no  
longer exists. The jurisdiction here-  
tofore exercised by the Forum re-  
verts automatically to the Student  
Senate—all of which means, in all  
probability, no enforcement of honored  
traditions, no restrictions to curb the  
impetus of Freshman contempt and  
disregard. The Senate has never been  
able, it seems, to exert any effort in  
this direction; it has been too digni-  
fied to be bothered, too red-taped to  
be useful, too screamingly slow to be  
appreciated. And the staid old Athletic  
Council is already heartbreakingly  
overburdened. And so, Freshmen,  
while the cats are otherwise engaged,  
ye may play—but do not forget that  
the road to Hell is paved with big  
pretentions. Look to your Bibles, ye  
cocky novitiates, and remember well  
that while there's life there may still  
be some action.

Well, to go on with our rat-killing—

Even the pen wavers at the thought  
of trying to force another unwelcome  
paragraph on the attention of the few  
interested readers of this poor, strug-  
gling, half-nourished Fiat Lux. That  
last is only half expressive; it is sadly  
under-nourished, in fact, dying a slow  
death from want of proper nutrition.  
The Fiat is your paper, you of the  
student body—it represents your spirit,  
your opinions and you do little or  
nothing with or for it. Nay, you are  
content to let it drag along with a  
few fraternity notes and once in a  
great while a timidly suggestive  
article, crouching somewhere in the  
corner of a flaring page of advertise-  
ments. 'Tis only your own spirit that  
is dying the death, you student body.  
But ah, you say—life may be good,  
who knows that death may be better?

Well—

And this is a column of tittle-tattle—

I'm in love with a wonderful maiden  
She's set my heart in a whirl,  
But alas—I can only look at her  
For she is a Klansman's girl.

I saw her hair, and laughed, for  
brevity is the soul of wit.

I knew a black beetle, who lived down  
a drain,  
And friendly he was, though his man-  
ners were plain;  
When I took a bath he would come up  
the pipe,  
And together we'd wash and together  
we'd wipe.

Whenever he heard the tap splash in  
the tub  
He'd dash up the drain pipe and wait  
for a scrub,  
And often, so fond of ablution was he,  
I'd find him there floating and waiting  
for me.

Well—"a fool must now and then be  
right by chance."

**THE CONSERVATION OF SCHOLARSHIP**

President Davis gave an impressive address to the student body at the Hutchinson Central High School at Buffalo, Wednesday, Dec. 9, on "The Conservation of Scholarship."

He commended those who had made the honor roll by their high grade scholarship in the first ten weeks of the school year with a grade of 90 per cent or more. He thus emphatically illustrated that in the future these high scholastic standings will be the means of a firm foundation of being admitted to college. The mere passing grade will thus be a disgrace and no longer will be a credit to the institution, and only those with the highest grade will be considered. President Davis pointed out that this scientific conservation of high scholarship is becoming a new and general interest throughout various quarters of the country. The speaker said, in part, that this movement should begin in the grades, whereby one or possibly two years might be saved if pupils of high grade intelligence were selected out from the average mass, put into classes by themselves with special teachers and special facilities for progress offered to them. Why should not all the work the average student can do in high school in four years be done, and better done in three years by a special honor class who have come up through the grades? Instead of entering college at 18 or 19 years of age, as the average student does now, such a class might enter at 16 or 17 years of age, and so have two years the start getting into the professional and graduate schools, or getting started at a life work. Most medical students do not now get into practice before 28 or 30 years of age. How valuable to society would be a saving of two years each for all these young people if it could be effected without loss of any subject matter or efficiency?

**COACH MILLER SPEAKS**

"How About Athletics in Alfred?" was the topic on which Coach Miller spoke at the Y. M. C. A. meeting last Wednesday evening at the Parish House.

Although the basketball game which followed the meeting hindered many from attending, a small but appreciative audience thoroughly enjoyed what was said. The Coach touched briefly upon this year's athletic program, and how it has been played, discussing factors which have contributed to both successes and failures. He then outlined the mechanism of Alfred's athletic administration, after which he discussed college athletics in general. Coach Miller asserted that most people judge the value of college athletics merely by externals such as victories and defeats. He pointed out that the real and enduring value of athletics is that they imbue the spirit of aggressiveness, fair-play, and the ability to cope with life's hard knocks after college.

A short but meaty discussion followed the meeting.

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**AG. NOTES**

Monday morning in Assembly Doctor Anne Waite gave a very interesting talk to the N. Y. S. A. students on the outlook for farmers and farming. Having traveled extensively, she was able to picture to us the conditions of rural communities throughout the United States. Everyone enjoyed hearing Mrs. Waite and possibly the reason was the optimistic stand that she took in regard to agriculture.

**COUNTRY LIFE PARTY**

On Tuesday, Dec. 8, the Ag students enjoyed another Country Life party. The program consisted of a humorous selection given by Hermina Rynders and various numbers by the Trio which all enjoyed. Games, round and square dancing comprised the larger part of the evening's entertainment. Let's all be at the Christmas party on Thursday evening, Dec. 17.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

A group of Alfred College students have taken charge of the church services at the Hartsville Seventh Day Baptist Church. They find a great pleasure in helping a poor struggling Church. They have found a certain satisfaction in preparing a program for each week's service.

As last Saturday was the final meeting of this year before the Christmas holidays, the program concerned Christmas. Joseph B. Laura sang *Faceto Face*. Andrew Giarelli gave an opera selection on the organ for the offertory. The speaker for the morning was Mr. Frederick J. Bakker. Mr. Bakker brought out the point that the Christmas spirit was slowly working in the affairs of mankind in the world and in America also. His text was Luke 2:14 which is the famous passage centering around the Christmas spirit. Leonard Hunting assisted in the other part of the service.

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased."

The quartet, present to conduct the service, accompanied by Theron Smith on the organ, beautifully sang "Silent Night" as a closing number

**FROSH LOSE TO HORNELL 27-17**

The Alfred University Frosh basket ball team met its second defeat of the season at the hands of a rather fast and strongly offensive five representing Hornell High School. Manager Perrone took eight men and gave each of them a chance, but the strong offense of the Hornell five proved too deep for our boys.

Freshmen who started were: Boyd, Ferris, Clark, Zelinsky, and Hulse.

Subs made were: Cottrell, Larson, Greenfield.

The frosh showed much better team work than they displayed in the Elmira game, the home-town quintet had to strong a defense.

The score was 27-17. The game was played on the Hornell H. S. court before a large crowd, which contained many loyal ffrosh.

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