

Founder's Day Ceremonies

Col. W. W. Brown Delivers Address--Most Distinguished of Living Alumni Makes Stirring Speech--Caps and Gowns Appear

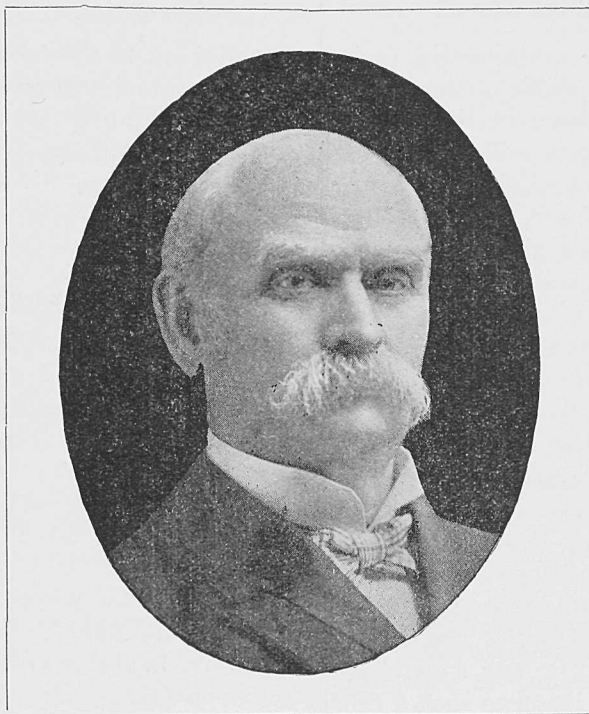
Alfred University formally celebrated her seventy-ninth anniversary last Wednesday, when, following the unique custom of the college, the Seniors first appeared in cap and gown. The ceremony is regularly scheduled to occur on December 5th, but, owing to the fact that this date fell on Saturday this year, it was decided to set it forward to the 2d.

At five minutes before ten the Faculty, imposing in cap and gown with the insignia of high scholastic ranking, and the members of the class of 1915 wearing, for the first time, the academic costume, assembled at Carnegie library. The procession, led by the Junior usher, Earle L. Burdick, who was followed by President Davis and the faculty, escorting the speaker of the day, made its way up Chapel Hill, across the campus, and into Memorial Hall where the student body and guests were already assembled. As the procession entered, the audience rose to its feet while Alma Mater was reverently sung. At the entrance to the aisle, the usher stepped aside and the faculty members passed to their places on the rostrum, where the President showed the speaker to the seat of honor, while the Seniors continued in procession up the aisle to their seats in the rear of the assembly hall. The room was brilliantly decorated with pennants hung from the ceiling to the corners and on the walls, the huge olive-green and old-gold banner of 1915 occupying the place of honor at the back of the rostrum.

At the conclusion of the Alma Mater song the assemblage resumed their seats and President Davis, in a few well chosen words in which he sketched parts of the speaker's career which modesty might prevent him from mentioning, introduced the Hon. William Wallace Brown, LL. D., '61, better known as "Col." Brown, most distinguished of Alfred's living alumni.

Col. Brown was born at Sumner Hill, Cayuga County, N. Y., April 22, 1836, six months before the founding of Alfred University, going, at the age of two years, with his pioneer parents to make his home in Elk county in what is now known as Russelas. In spite of unfavorable conditions for

education, he entered the Academy at Smethport at the age of sixteen, working his way there for two years. Realizing the value and necessity of higher education, he then entered college here, successfully working his way and pursuing his course until two months before the time for his gradu-



Hon. William Wallace Brown, LL. D.
Who Delivered the Founder's Day Address

ation when, at the outbreak of the Civil War, he with a number of his classmates entered the army, joining the Southern Tier Rifles of the 23d N. Y. regiment. After serving in this company for a time he was transferred to the famous "Bucktails" of Pennsylvania, with which regiment he saw action in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam, the second Bull Run, Shantilla and Frederickburg.

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EARLE L. BURDICK ELECTED FOOTBALL MANAGER

At the December meeting of the Board of Athletic Directors Earle L. Burdick, '16, was elected manager of Varsity football for the season of 1915. Mr. Burdick has served very capably as assistant manager this year and is thoroughly conversant with the work of the position. He has taken up at once the work for next season and the student body

AGS DEFEATED ELDRED

The Aggies closed a successful season in a fitting way Tuesday, Nov. 24, when they defeated Eldred High 19-2. Eldred had defeated the Aggies early in the season in a 7-6 argument, but, with a large bunch of rooters back of them, they sent the McKean county team down with a decisive turn of figures. N. Y. S. A. played excellent ball throughout, at no time permitting their opponents to make consistent gains. The Ags registered one touchdown in the first period and two in the second period, Maure, Decker and Broad each getting one. Eldred's safety came in last quarter when Decker, receiving a forward pass on the 1-yard line, was pushed over his own goal line.

The features of the game were Acker's 60 yard run for a touchdown, the broken field running of Maure, the cleverly executed forward passes of the Ag team and the all around work of Kaufman for the Eldred team.

N. Y. S. A.	Left End	Eldred
Boyes, Adams	Left Tackle	Phalon
Wiley	Left Guard	Biddle
Platt	Center	Wright
Allen	Right Guard	Odell
Humphrey	Right Tackle	Rice
Zeliff	Right End	C. Slavin
Acker	Quarterback	D. Slavin
Maure (Capt.)	Left Half	Kaufman
Acker	Right Half	Beas
Boyes	Fullback	Edgar
Broad		Tonhy

In our next issue we will discuss the Ag season in detail.

THE LIST GROWS--YOU'RE NEXT

Mary Potter.
Genevieve Burdick.
Hazel Perkins
Melva Canfield.

may rest assured that an excellent schedule will be secured. Already Hamilton, Hobart and Thiel are negotiating for games. Prof. James D. Bennehoff was re-elected graduate manager.

Routine business was transacted and the following Varsity men were voted football A's

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N. Y. S. A.

Leland Dennis, '17, spent the week-end with his parents.

Roger Kilts, N. Y. S. A., '14, is visiting friends in town for a few days.

Luther Plumer, '15, has been appointed R. I. U. reporter for the Fiat Lux.

Herbert Williams, '17, spent the Thanksgiving vacation at his home in Hornell.

George W. Kull, '17, has been appointed Fiat Lux reporter for the Freshman class.

George W. Kull, '17, was the guest of Robert Prangen '17, in Hornell during Thanksgiving recess.

We are sorry to hear that "Kaiser" Conderman, '17, has been confined to his room with the mumps.

Tom H. Barry, '15, who sustained a broken collar bone in the Corning game of Nov. 20th, is improving rapidly and is able to dispense with the sling.

Miss Hazel Baker entertained at a house party over Thanksgiving, Miss Nora Blowers, Miss Fannie Allen and Miss Bernice Sherman. A fine time was reported by all.

Harry Anderson, '15, who was injured in the Thiel game on Thanksgiving Day, is able to be about, after being confined to his bed for the past week. We are glad to see both of these men about again.

Vincent Sheridan, '16, spent a number of days with his parents in New York, before and over Thanksgiving. Mr. Sheridan was compelled to go home because of illness, but has returned and will finish the term.

George Saul, '17, was operated on Wednesday at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell for appendicitis. His many friends will be glad to hear of his recovery. He will be glad to see Alfred visitors during his convalescence.

Thursday of last week all classes were dismissed from 9:35 A. M. to 2:15 P. M., in order that all stu-

dents might be present to have their pictures taken for the Kanakadea. A large number of groups were taken by the local photographer, Mr. Hunting.

The Misses Kenyon and Barkhouse entertained a few young men of the Ag School on Thanksgiving evening at the home of the former. A very enjoyable evening was spent in playing games and singing, after which refreshments were served. The entertainment was greatly appreciated by those who found it necessary to remain in town over the Thanksgiving recess.

COLONEL BROWN SPEAKS TO ETHICS CLASS

Wednesday morning the ethics class of the Agricultural School had the pleasure of listening to a thirty minute address by Col. W. W. Brown. Col. Brown, who is 78 years of age, had only a few hours previous given an address to the college students and that he should be willing to give thirty minutes more to the Ag School showed his interest in his Alma Mater. His talk was upon the framing of the constitution and it is to be regretted that the entire student body was not present. Colonel Brown is a man who has been of great service to his country and he has held many important offices. The Ethics class felt that it was a privilege to be able to listen to such a talk from such a man and at the close they adjourned with a good yell for Colonel Brown.

C. L. M. C. A.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Country Life Men's Christian Association was held last Sunday evening. Frederick Thiel was leader and the topic was "Social Reconstruction in Rural Life."

A large number were present and the discussion led by Mr. Thiel was a lively one. Many good points on the subject were men-

tioned and everyone felt that the meeting was one of the best of this year.

Next Sunday evening the Association will listen to a report of the delegates to the Student Volunteer Association meeting at Hobart. All members should be present and bring their friends.

FRUIT SHOW AT AG SCHOOL

Announcement was made in the last Fiat of the apple and fruit show to be given by the Orchard-ing class of N. Y. S. A. on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 10 and 11.

A large number of entries have already been received. Competition is open to N. Y. State, and people desiring to exhibit should leave the fruit at the school not later than Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Cards and ribbons will be awarded for plate exhibits and substantial merchandise premiums will be offered for the best collection of varieties.

In addition to the fruit exhibit a fruit program will be given at an open meeting of the Country Life Club on Thursday evening to which everyone is cordially invited.

CHAPEL ADDRESSES

Tuesday morning, Nov. 24, Director Wright had charge of the chapel exercises. He read President Wilson's Thanksgiving Proclamation, after which he gave a short talk on "Things we should keep in mind in our school."

He said of the 1,928,000 rural population in New York State, 352,000 live in villages and 1,500,000 live on farms. In our state we have one college and three secondary schools in agriculture. The total enrollment of the college and schools combined is less than 3,000. This makes less than .2 of 1 per cent, or two out of one thousand of the population of New York State living on farms who are attending either an agricultural school or college. Less than .03 of 1 per cent or 3 in every 10,000 ever graduate. Thus it is very easy to see the many opportunities for graduates from these institutions.

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R. M. Howe, '15, spent the week-end in Hornell.

Eva Williams, '16, spent the week-end in Andover.

Prof. Ray W. Wingate sang at the Elks' Memorial services at Hornell Sunday.

Miss Mary Hart of Hornell was a week-end guest of her cousin, Genevieve Hart, '17.

F. G. Crawford, '16, E. L. Burdick, '16, W. R. Stevens, '17, were in Hornell Friday afternoon.

Miss Loretta Savage spent the week-end at the Brick, the guest of her sister, Anne Savage, '18.

C. B. Norton, '16, was called to his home in Salamanca, Friday, by the serious illness of his father.

Carol Stillman, 15, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Willis Saunders, at Corning, N. Y.

Mabel Hood returned Sunday from her home in Hornell where she was called by the illness of her mother.

R. C. Burdick, '14, principal of Allentown Union School, had the misfortune Thanksgiving night to break his ankle while playing basketball.

Pres. and Mrs. Boothe C. Davis entertained about twenty young people Saturday evening, Nov. 28, in honor of Miss Merle Nichols of Madison, Conn.

Pres. Boothe C. Davis left Sunday to attend the sessions of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of

Christ in America which will be 12. Dean Arthur E. Main of 12th. Dean Arthur E. Main of the Theological Seminary, who is on an extended trip through the South, will also be in attendance at this conference.

VARSITY CLOSES SEASON

The Varsity season was brought to a disastrous close Thanksgiving Day, when she went down to a 65 to 0 defeat at the hands of Thiel College. There is little explanation to be made for this score and as shown by it there is little that can be said commendable to the Varsity work in this the final game. On the whole, it was very similar to the inglorious defeat at Allegheny last year when the Varsity resembled so much a team of secondary school caliber.

NEW COLLEGE SONG

By Leland Coon

When the winter's frosts and snow
Catch the sun's bright radiant glow,
And all Nature is resplendent
In her robe of snowy white—
In the brooklet's hidden waters
As they softly glide along,
We find an inspiration
And an echo of this song—

CHORUS

Alfred, thou art ever watching o'er us
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We will praise our brave Protector
Tho' we far from her may roam.
Then hurrah for Alma Mater
And her Allegany home!
Vales where fragrant flowers bloom,

Stalwart hills that banish gloom—
Nature's copious store of treasures
Make our days a living dream.
From these beauties all about us
We can draw a lesson true:
When e'er stern Duty calls us
We must try our best to do.

Quickly pass these college days,
And for student pranks and ways
We will don the sable mantle,
And embark on life's deep sea.
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And her beck'ning voice we'll hear.

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In the December number of the Countryside Magazine is an article on the excellent work of Mrs. Rose Ville Morgan, wife of Dr. O. S. Morgan, Professor of Agriculture at Columbia University, and formerly Director of the Alfred Agricultural School. It is the ambition of Mrs. Morgan to create a new standard of music in the country, and folk-songs, anthems and hymns form the basis of the work. That she has met with success in the five years since she began to advocate this new sentiment is indicated by the increased scope of her work. Numerous cities, towns and communities are asking for her assistance.

Beginning with this month this project is to be developed along broader and more systematic lines than in the past, when Mrs. Morgan's sister, Miss Sarah B. Huff, is to follow after Mrs. Morgan and effect organizations to carry out the scheme of worth-while music. Mrs. Morgan's talent and ability to accomplish this praiseworthy project are well known in Alfred and much confidence is felt that her efforts will be very successful. Her Alfred friends are delighted at the news of the progress already accomplished.

GERMAN CLUB

The German Club met two weeks ago Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Mark Sheppard, when Bess Bacon, '15, and Aaron MacCoon, '15, entertained. Elmer Hunting, '16, read a carefully prepared and scholarly paper on "German Socialism." German games were played and refreshments served.

The regular meeting of the German Club last Wednesday evening was held in the upper class reception rooms at the Brick, the Misses Olive Thomas, '16, and Arlotta Bass, '15, acting as hostesses. Genevieve Hart, '17, read a most instructive paper on "The German Girl." German games filled the remainder of the evening until refreshments were served, shortly after which the Club adjourned..

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It would be hard indeed to express intelligently to those who have not experienced it, just the significance of Founders' Day to the Senior. On that day he is first privileged to wear the cap and gown, ancient emblem of academic attainment, and he is awed at the contemplation of the centuries of tradition behind it. For sixteen years he has studied, laboring to reach that mile post on the course, the goal at the end of which is the attainment of his degree. His college days are nearly at an end and that fact is forcibly borne in upon him for the first time as he takes his place in the black gowned procession and enters the hall. At this time, too he is supposed to be nearing the zenith of his dignity, and the first faint stirrings of this sensation, so new to him, added to his awe, his feeling of the general solemnity of the occasion plus a thousand and one other sensations that come rushing in upon him, combine to form a complex, indescribable emotional whole, the like of which he has never known. It is, indeed, a unique experience,

and one that must be felt to be appreciated. It is rather too nerve-racking to be pleasant, yet it is one that he would not miss, at least that is the way it appeals to us. At any rate—and this is what we started out to say when we digressed so distressingly—Founders' Day this year was most successfully carried off and the Faculty, Senior class and entire student body owe Col. W. W. Brown a debt of gratitude for making it what it was. It is indeed good to think that a man of his wide experience and exalted position can, in spite of the press of public duties, keep his love for his Alma Mater green in his heart. Col. Brown, in more than one way, has set us an example. May he live long and happily, enjoying the fruits of a well spent life.

In her article, Mrs. O. S. Morgan characterizes the American lack of familiarity with worth-while music as the song-crime of America. In substantiating this, she tries her audience on our national anthem. The result, the article states, is anything but flattering to a people representative of so great a nation. We wonder what would be the result if tried in assembly some morning. To the writer's own knowledge, he has never heard our national anthem or any patriotic hymns sung by a college audience. Would it not be well for us as an institution of learning to take a little more active part in altering the lamentable unfamiliarity with patriotic and folk songs?

The Fiat Lux Fair which is to occur soon, will give you an excellent opportunity both to help your paper and to do a part of your Christmas shopping. In the novel line of art goods, banners, etc., that are to be offered you will be sure to find a solution to some of your Christmas perplexities. Why not keep this in mind in making your plans?

A SHADE OF MEANING

First Lord—They say the duchess is just wrapped up in her clothes.

Second Lord—My eye, sir! I must be getting blind!—Williams Purple Cow.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONVENTION

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Alfred was well represented at the Student Volunteer Convention which was held at Geneva, N. Y., December 4-7. The following people composed the party which consisted of thirteen members of the Y. W. C. A. and seven from the Y. M. C. A. under the leadership of Ford Barnard, '16, president of college Y. M. C. A., Misses Edna Jackson, Lena Fink, Vida Kerr, Mabel Michler, Ruth Hunt, Pauline Peterson, Mildred Taber, Ethel Smith, Lucy Whitford, Ina Withey, Bernice McCleave, Dorothy Wells and Prof. Mabel I. Hart, Messrs. Ford Barnard, Stanton Davis, Edward Saunders, Harold Saunders, Elmer Hunting, Willard Sutton and Lowell Randolph.

Next week we will give an account of the transactions of the Convention.

THE FIAT LUX PROBLEM

Manager Babcock of the Fiat Lux has a problem which he has been figuring on for the past three months:

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	<hr/> \$700 to \$750

This leaves \$100 to be made up. This means that we must work on the Fiat Lux Fair and make it a success. Last year shows a small deficit and this must be made up. Every student of the University must get behind this and push. Committees have been appointed and plans are well under way for a very successful fair. An excellent program of entertainment has been provided and the various booths will be in evidence. Several new features have been added and the success of the fair is assured.

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FOUNDERS' DAY CEREMONY

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Degrees were granted in *absentia* to him and others of the class of '61 who were serving their country.

At the close of the war, Col. Brown studied law in the office of Hon. B. D. Hamlin of Smethport and served as Register and Recorder of McKean county. He was admitted to the bar in 1866 and shortly after elected to the office of District Attorney and appointed County Superintendent of Schools by Gov. Geary. Removing, in 1869, to Erie county, he resided for nine years in the city of Corry, where he served three years as City Attorney and two years as a member of the city council. Climbing steadily in his profession, he served his district from 1872 to 1876 as a member of the State Legislature and, changing his residence again to Bradford, where he engaged in the practice of law, the Colonel was elected to Congress in 1882, serving two successful terms, securing for his city during that time, the privilege of free mail delivery. After the close of his second term Col. Brown resumed his law practice, procuring Bradford's city charter, acting as city solicitor and organizing and securing a charter for the Bradford, Bordell & Kinzua R. R.

Upon the election of Pres. McKinley, Col. Brown was appointed auditor of the War Department, being transferred later to the Navy Department; he acted as administrator of the Spanish Treaty Claims against the United States, and later served as assistant Attorney General. In all, Col. Brown served his nation for twenty years, and his is the honor of holding the record for auditing more money expended by the country than any other auditor in its history. Since that time, Col. Brown has retired to private life, practicing his profession with his firm, Brown and Schoonmaker, in his home city, where he occupies an enviable position as one of its most honored citizens.

Col. Brown's love for old Alfred has never diminished; he has been a frequent visitor of his Alma Mater at commencement and on other occasions and has demonstrated his regard for her by establishing, with Mrs. Brown, several substantial scholarships

which are helping students to obtain an education here. He is the senior member of the board of trustees, having been elected to that body in 1873. Formal recognition of Col. Brown's distinguished attainments was made by the University in 1886, when he was granted the degree of Doctor of Laws. Thus, Col. Brown, of all Alfred's sons, was most appropriately chosen to deliver the Founders' Day address, and the students signified their appreciation of that fact by the prolonged cheering which greeted him as he arose to address them upon the conclusion of President Davis' introduction.

THE ADDRESS

In his introductory remarks Col. Brown expressed his pleasure at being again with the students of his Alma Mater. "My mind," he said, "is called back to the long ago.....I am glad that the President has given a part of my record; it saves me from too extensive a use of the pronoun 'I'....But I have often thought that it was my good fortune to reach Alfred at a most opportune time,...at the end of her existence as an academy and the beginning of her collegiate career. After seven years as a select school and fourteen years as an Academy she was just ripening into her majority as a college; the charter had just been granted. So, you see, I 'got in on the ground floor'....I first knew about Alfred through being present at a teacher's institute in Smethport....at which President Kenyon spoke....I was greatly impressed by his words and made up my mind that in some way I would come here....I had a talk with him and....decided that in one year I would make my landing. I never can forget the closing portions of his address to the teachers, 'Young men,' he said, 'Do your best and you will certainly be victorious. The successful fight will be won by day's works'.... President Kenyon, of all men I ever knew, exemplified what could be done in a day....But Kenyon was a terror to evil doers," said Col. Brown, and he went on to relate an incident of the spring term of '58, when President Kenyon scattered a group of young men who were holding funeral services over a latin grammar, shaking the fluent orator until his teeth rattled.

"I should like to enumerate all the professors of that time," the speaker continued. "I think there was no college in all this broad land that had finer and better ability in its faculty than Alfred had in that year.

"There was President Kenyon at the head; Maxson, Ford and Pickett, Marvin and, I think, Larkin, andthe next year....Rogers and Sayles."

Col. Brown next told of his sorrow at the end of his first term when he did not expect to be able to return for the rest of his course, and of how, at the end of the year, however, he had made up his mind to finish in some way.

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"On my way back the next year," he went on, "I was set upon by a man who offered a clerkship and, tempted by his offer, I accepted it," and he expressed his regret at having done so, regarding it, in the light of after events, as little short of calamitous. "In the spring of '59, however, I put in an appearance again and brought seven boys and two girls from the same village," he said, and described his difficulties until they were all taken under "Mother" Kenyon's beneficent wing. Of these students, he said, three became school superintendents, one a judge of the Massachusetts court, and two, prosecuting attorneys. The following year he brought four young ladies from his town, of whom one has become a great educator, now in Washington.

Col. Brown continued his reminiscences, relating incidents, amusing and serious, of the aspiring orators with whose eloquence our college walls were wont to resound, and told, as an eye witness, the famous anecdote of President Kenyon's Virgil class in which that gentleman, losing patience at a blundering translation, cried out, "Mr. English, sit down! Your mistakes are all fundamental."

Debating, Col. Brown said, at this time formed the most prominent part of college activities. Women's rights, he said, were even then a theme of sore discussion, the slavery question was being bitterly contested, and he told interesting stories of their discussions, leading up to the main purpose of his address. It was at this time, he said, that the societies—our Lyceums—were organized—"and of course," said Col. Brown, "I could not resist going into the Oros." Needless

to say, this statement was greeted by enthusiastic cheers from the present members of that organization, proud of their distinguished brother..... "On December 2d, 1859," he said, "just fifty-five years ago today, John Brown was hung at Harpers' Ferry..... and the tide of discussion was upon us at once.....I remember with pride and satisfaction the position Alfred took on this matter. The question was in regard to the power of the government to protect itself.....what the United States could do in case of secession," and he told of the minutely searching study of the constitution which was necessitated to determine whether the federal government could use coercion in case of the withdrawal of the Southern states from the Union. "Every lyceum," he said, "discussed it well and intelligently. Every copy of the constitution in the school was brought into requisition and searched diligently;.....professors and students alike were engaged in the discussion,.....and we came to the conclusion that the Union did have such power.....So it went until 1861, when the discussion broke and there came the appeal to arms and the call to battle." During this storm of argument, Col. Brown said, was organized the Phi Nu, the only aristocratic club in the history of the school, and this an aristocracy of intellect. It was this group of earnest students who secured eminent men from far and near to lecture upon the stirring questions of the day. One of these speakers quoted Gladstone's characterization of the American Constitution: "As the British Constitution is the most subtle.....so the American Constitution is the most wonderful work ever struck off in a given time by the brain and purpose of man."

"This was the solid truth," said Col. Brown, "..... the constitution has been, always, and is now, more fully than ever, worthy of our love and admiration. As we love our Alma Mater, as we love our homes.....so ought we to love this work." It appeared in the discussion that the constitution was formulated in ninety days, which gave meaning to that phrase, "in any given time," and the speaker went on to show that now a convention does well if it makes a simple constitutional revision in a year's time, "But I want to tell you," he continued, "that it was not formed in those ninety days. In the last five years I have ascertained how it was done.....During my administration of the Spanish War Claims, I had Hannis Taylor in my office.....In his investigations—for he was a wonderful investigator—he told me he had discovered a pamphlet of forty or fifty pages published in 1787, four years before the meeting of the convention that made the constitution. When it met in 1787 there were four reports made, one from Virginia by Madison; one from Connecticut which was merely a proposition to revise the colonial constitution; one called the Pinkerton plan; and the Hamilton plan. All of these had the framework.....of the constitution.....as it

now is; all contained the same basic idea. None of them claimed that the plan was original," and Col. Brown explained that all had had access to that little pamphlet, which contained the basis of the whole plan. A copy of this, Col. Brown said, he had brought to the library here. It was, he said, published by Pelatiah Webster, a Yale man, and, in the words of Col. Brown: "There were three things concerned in the.....plan that were entirely new to the world Up to that time confederate government had not been carried on by two bodies; he conceived the idea of two bodies, a Senate and House of Representatives. This admitted of less opportunity for.....dishonorable transactionsand we all admit the success of the idea's application; the idea of three heads of the government, the executive, legislative and judicial, was also entirely new, and was, I think, the greatest conception of his plan..... Two faults in the old colonial constitution were, that there was no connection between the confederation and the individual, and, secondly, no power for the federal government to levy taxes.....Pelatiah Webster conceived of citizenship directly under the federal government—and we have reached this through the putting down of the rebellion.....All the Constitutional Convention had to do was to incorporate the ideas of Pelitiah Webster.

"I speak of this because I desire that all young men should study the constitution of the best government in the world, which has no parallel anywhere for all that is essential to the glory of a nation England comes nearest to it, but today she is engaged in a terrible war.....I venture to say that no student here can show one good reason why she should be, yet the United States can show good reason for every war into which she has entered.

"The government of the United States and the powers that now reside in it were worked out in a large measure in the years in which I lived in Alfred. There was no man more influential in making us students understand it than Johnathan Allen. He had a knowledge of the constitution of the United States that was profound and he made all around him participants in that knowledge. I speak of this because I want to emphasize, so far as in me lies, the importance of the desire, on the part of the young to be givers. The men who formed the constitution of the United States, the men who founded this institution, the men who have done the greatest things for all time have been givers, sacrificersGiving is the greatest thing in the building of character..... 'Give and it shall be given unto you, full measure, pressed down and overflowing'.....not in dividends, as some think.....but in the way of blessings," and Col. Brown pointed out the folly of expecting or desiring financial gain alone as a reward for service, and he showed

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how all who have truly given, have received their gifts back again, coming in a way that does not perish, but abides until the end.

"So I beg of you, young people, that you become good givers and sacrificers," he continued, "givers alike for those you love and those whom you hate,..... give for Alfred, for all mankind, to the extent of your ability, and it will return after many days; be givers for your state and county, ready at any time of peril—for perils surround every step in their progress.....And if you become such givers and sacrificers, so will you surely become great.....Be givers for your country.....for the dear old flag.....known and honored the world over.....the flag of your fathers, the flag of your mothers, that was glorified in the fire of battle and on the rack of bondage."

The long applause that followed Col. Brown's words, pointing out the lessons of his life, attested the appreciation of students and faculty alike. At the end of address the assembly hall was quickly emptied, the Freshmen passing out first, followed by the Sophomores and Juniors, who lined both sides of the walk leading out across the campus while the Seniors walked through their ranks, cheering them with their class yells. Last of all the Seniors took their place at the end of the double line, cheering the speaker, the President, the Dean, the faculty and other classes. After a "long ray" yell for Col. Brown, the ranks were broken and the ceremonies of Founders' Day were over.

WAR'S EFFECT ON SCHOOLS

According to the press reports, the British colleges are hard hit by the war, Cambridge having only 1500 students as against 3500 last year, and the other universities being diminished in proportion. This situation is only what might be expected by those familiar with conditions in our own Civil War, when entire student bodies marched away to the front.

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help the individual but to help all the people of New York State.

The Director also spoke a few words on the Rural Church. How the students can be of service to the Rural Church:

- 1st. Go to church.
- 2d. Give the church your financial and moral support.
- 3d. Bring about a more friendly relation between the denominations of your communities.

4th. Bring about a change in the ideals of the rural church.

He closed by quoting Dean Bailey's poem, "The Rural Church."

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, Prof. Perry read a paper on the beauties of the campus at Cornell University. He described the location of the University, taking us on a trip about the campus, telling us the names of each plant, shrub and tree in its turn. Then he told us of the wonderful achievements in the reclamation of bog land by the use of a caterpillar engine and modern dredging apparatus.

It was evident that Prof. Perry had spent considerable study on the Botanical surroundings of Cornell from the thorough way in which he handled his subject.

KNIGHTS OF 20th CENTURY

To be sure, the theatre party of the Senior class was only a class affair, but a little forethought on the part of the boys would have shown their respect as well as courtesy, especially upon arrival in Alfred.

One of the boys became so interested that after asking a girl to accompany him and failing to find her at post office, left without her.

Advice to this young man: Ag girls are not in the habit of meeting boy friends at post office.

Advice to Junior girls: 1916 is your senior year.

Signed, Senior Ag Girls.

THE KAISER'S PRAYER

The Latest Ultimatum

Gott, Gott, dear Gott, attentions, please!

Your bardner Vilhelm's here,
Und has a wordt or two to say
Into your brivate ear.

So durn away all udders now
Und listen well to me.
For vad I say concerns me much—
Meinself und Shermanny.

You know, dear Gott, I vas your friendt,

Und from mein hour of birth
I quickly let You rule in Heffen,
Vile I ruled o'er de earth;
Und ven I toldt mein soldiers
Of bygone battle days,
I gladly split de glory,
Und gafe You half de braise.

In efery way I tried to prove
Mein heart to You vas true,
Und only claimed mein honest share
In great deeds dat ve do.
You could not haf a better friendt.
In sky, or land, or sea,
Dan Kaiser Vilhelm Number Two,
De Lord of Shermanny.

So vat I say, dear Gott, is dis:
Dat ve should still be friendts,
Und You should help to send my foes
To meet deir bitter endts.
If You, dear Gott, vill dis me do,
I'll noding ask again,
Und You and I vill bardners be
For evermore. Amen!

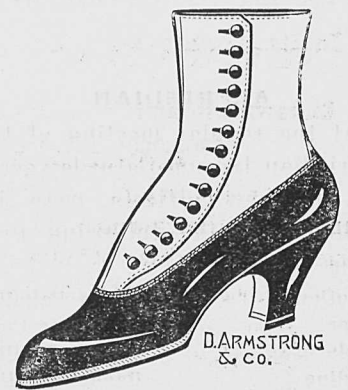
But listen, Gott, it must be qvick,
Your help to me You send,
Or else I haf to potattach
Und oly blay defend;
So four und twenty hours I gif
To make the Allies run,
Und put me safe into mein blace—
De middle of de sun.

If You do dis, I'll do my bart,
I'll tell de vordt de fact;
But if You don't, den I must tink
It is a hostile act.

Den var at once I vill declare,
Und in mein anger rise,
Und send mein Zepp'lin ships to wage
A fight up in de skies.

Dis ultimatum now, dear Gott,
Is one of many more:
Mein mind is settled up to clean
De whole vorltd off de floor.
Because You vas mein bardner, Gott,
An extra chance is giffen,
So help at vonce, or else Ill be
DE EMPORER OF HEFFEN!

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LYCEUM COLUMN

ALFRIEDIAN

At the regular meeting of the Alfriedian lyceum Saturday evening, the new officers were installed, and the following program presented:

Devotions	Nina Palmiter
Paper	Inez Cook
Music	Ruth Phillips
Reading	Rachel Burdick
Leaves of the XXth Century	Winifred Howe

Stunt

Genevieve Hart, Mabel Hood, Ruth Harer

The stunt was in the form of an impromptu program and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

At the close of the meeting, those present were invited to the home of Prof. W. C. Whitford where Misses Gertrude and Lenora Ford entertained them at a marshmallow roast. Several selections on the Victrola were also rendered.

ATHENAEAN

Devotions	Eunice Anderson
Music	Enid White
Reading	Miss Lucia Weed
Music	

Abbie Burdick, Lucile Stevens, Mildred Place

Echoes	Leona Hoffman
Music	

Nathalie Wanzer and Mildred Saunders

Music	Abbie Burdick
Stunt—Yankee Doodle Kitchen	

During the business session the name of Madeline West, '18, was voted into the lyceum.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:

Pres.—Pauline Peterson
Vice Pres.—Katryn Vander Veer
Sec.—Mildred Place
Critic—Ethel McLean
Tellers—Enid White, Edna Horton.

OROPHILIAN

A brief program was rendered at the regular meeting of the Orophilian Lyceum last Saturday evening after which, at the business session, officers were nominated for the next quarter.

NATURALLY

Boarding-house Mistress—What part of the chicken do you wish?

Freshman—Some of the meat, please. — Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

DEFEAT FROSH RIVALS

1917 Scores Decisive Victory—

45 to 6

In the first athletic argument between the Sophs and Frosh the 17ers carried off the honors of the day with a 45 to 6 victory. The staging of this great contest came at the most opportune time of the year. The Varsity and Ag Schools had closed their seasons and the student body was preparing for its "winter's athletic hibernation" which is necessitated by our lack of gymnasium facilities, when lo and behold we were confronted with this annual battle. Our athletic lethargy was therefore postponed for another week.

The members of the under-classes arranged themselves in gladiatorial attire and led by Captains Bliss and Crawford, repaired to the Athletic Field Thursday afternoon, and for a prolonged period they battled valiantly for the honor of their respective classes. Maxson the Frosh fullback, was much in evidence by his terrific line plunging. Rixford "the Caricature King" forgot himself, drew a pained expression to the face of R. T. Aloysius Gaiss, while Nash, the feather-weight frosh halfback, deeply buried in Bill Buck's head gear, played like a veteran.

The features of the game aside from these were the all-round playing of the Sophomore team and the plucky fight which the Frosh put up against overwhelming odds. Capt. Bliss and his backfield scored 45 points while Capt. Crawford tallied the Frosh 6 points by a 50 yard run through a broken field after intercepting a forward pass. Sheppard, King and H. Saunders starred for the Sophs, while Nash, Hildebrand and Janes played good football for the Frosh.

The only mar to the game came in the last minute of play when a member of the Sophomore team, enraged at Stone's spectacular tackling, lost his temper and directed his displeasure at Referee Buck. "Bill" skillfully handled the situation and forthwith ejected the offender from the field.

The line up follows:

	Left End	
Hopkins, Backus		Stone
	Left Tackle	
Hammerstrom, Stevens		Bisward
	Left Guard	
Sutton, Rixford		Poole
	Center	
Perkins		Bass
	Right Guard	
Beltz, Davis		Potter
	Right Tackle	
Kenyon		Gaiss
	Right End	
Sheppard		Hildebrand
	Quarterback	
Bliss (Capt.)		Crawford (Capt.)
	Right Half	
E. Saunders, Hopkins		Nash
	Left Half	
King		Janes
	Fullback	
H. Saunders		Maxson
Referee and umpire —		Howe, '15,
Buck, '16.		
Touchdowns—Bliss 4, H. Saunders		
1, King 2, Crawford 1.		
Goals—Hopkins 1, King 2.		

EARLE L. BURDICK ELECTED FOOTBALL MANAGER

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which will be granted tomorrow morning in assembly:

Capt. W. E. Buck, '16.
M. H. Pfaff, '15.
J. T. Pitts, '15.
F. G. Crawford, '15.
Robert Broad, Ag., '15.
Harry Anderson, Ag., '15.
Ray Maure, '16.
H. B. Griffiths, '16.
H. D. Bliss, '17.
E. H. Perkins, '17.
F. B. Bowman, '17.
G. E. Crawford, '18.

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N. Y. S. A.

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