



## PREPARATIONS FOR NEW YORK ALUMNI BANQUET

February 10th, at Hotel McAlpin  
—Large Attendance Planned

Preparations are going forward to make the New York Alumni Association banquet, which is to be held Thursday evening, February 10th, the most successful ever held under the auspices of this organization. Excellent speakers have been obtained, while the fact that it is to be held at the Hotel McAlpin, where it has been at times in the past, will insure a repeat in keeping with the occasion.

Active work on the part of the Association's president, Dr. A. C. Prentice '97, of Yonkers, and secretary Ferdinand Titsworth '08, of Plainfield, N. J., is being carried on to secure the largest attendance of old Alfred students that has ever been gathered at any branch association meeting. Already two of the branch associations, the Twentieth Century Club and the Syracuse branch, have held their banquets, which set a higher standard for the work of the alumni for this year, so that the New York branch can feel confident in the materialization of the plans which they have undertaken.

## DR. NORWOOD BEGINS SERIES OF LECTURES

Dr. J. N. Norwood gave a lecture on "National Preparedness," Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 4th, which is the first of a series on current topics to be delivered before a group of Hornell women every Tuesday afternoon. A similar course was held last year, when Dr. P. E. Titsworth and Dr. Norwood each delivered a number of lectures, and proved so successful that they were secured for this year. The number taking the course this year is between seventy-five and one hundred, which is considerably larger than last year.

## DECKER BASKETBALL CAPTAIN

Elected Saturday Night To Lead the Team Against Canisius

Alfred J. Decker, N. Y. S. A. '17, was elected Varsity basketball captain at a meeting of the men eligible to vote, last Saturday night. The athletic council voted that each of those men who played in the game with the State Highway team just before Christmas recess, should have a vote for this year's captain. The men who voted were: Decker, Maglin, I. Maure, Conderman, Parkhurst, Knibloe, N. Y. S. A.; Cottrell, E. Saunders, College.

## NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PLANNED

Chemung Valley Branch to be Fifth—Banquet in the Spring

A new year and there is a new effort to lengthen the radius of Alfred's direct influence. The plan, which already has been given quite an impetus, is to organize a new branch of the alumni association in the Chemung Valley. It is quite evident upon careful consideration that the four branches now organized, can wield scarcely any well planned influence in the vicinity of the Chemung Valley, their centers of interest being so far removed from it; nevertheless, it must be admitted that Alfred receives so large a number of students from that part of the state as to make the two statements almost incompatible.

It is to be believed then, that Alumni of the University, in Corning and its vicinity are exerting a splendid influence, unorganized. This being true, certainly a "Chemung Valley Branch of Alfred

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## SHORT COURSE AT AG SCHOOL OPENS

Enrollment Smaller Than Usual—Facilities Limited the Number

The annual short course in the Ag School opened with the beginning of the new term on Jan. 4th. This course is now of six or twelve weeks duration, as the students may wish. Work taken for twelve weeks will be accepted with full credit on a future regular course providing the work is taken in the regular class.

Although four more have enrolled than last year, still the enrollment has fallen short of pre-

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## SECOND GAME CANCELED BY CANISIUS

Second Time This Season—Varsity Without Game

For the second time this season Canisius College has cancelled her basket ball engagement with Alfred. Tonight the Varsity was scheduled to play on the Canisius court in Buffalo, but Sunday the management of the Bison City delegation notified Graduate Manager Whitford of the cancellation. This information was gained only after innumerable queer acts on the part of the Canisius management, which tested Manager Whitford's patience to the point where he requested a wire stating yes or no as to their intentions of playing the game. It came in the negative with an additional explanation of financial inability to stage it.

A previous game scheduled with the Canisius team to be played at Alfred December 21, 1915 was cancelled at the last moment. Just why they should conduct their athletics on such a basis is not made clear but it

## TRAINING CAMP ASSURED FOR NEXT YEAR

\$200 Subscribed at 20th Century Banquet—Remainder to be Obtained Soon

Alfred's football training camp for next year proved itself to be more than a dream, and the success of the plan assured when, during the Christmas vacation about \$200 was raised for this purpose by Graduate Manager Whitford. This was the amount realized at the Twentieth Century Club banquet where a subscription was taken with the intent of using the sum obtained toward pre-season practice. The younger alumni showed their interest in Alfred's athletic success by the manner in which they responded to the cause, and as the number present at that meeting represents only a small number of the total, it is thought that the entire amount will soon be pledged.

It is estimated by Manager Whitford that approximately \$800 will be required to carry out the plans which he and Coach Sweetland consider the only course to follow if it is to prove successful. The Twentieth Century Club's contribution made the obtaining of this amount look most promising so that the work of those in charge of the scheme now have the benefit of a past success to encourage them in securing the entire amount.

would seem that their team is far below standard this year. In the past Canisius has played some of the best teams in the country, but their showing this year was so unsatisfactory that arrangements were made to retain their coach and leading candidates for practice during the Christmas vacation. In view of the second cancellation it indi-

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# N. Y. S. A.

—The class in advanced wood-working is starting many interesting pieces of furniture.

—The cow testing class is doing some practical work at the State Barn in testing and feeding.

—Prof. Smith has charge of the Farm Law and Fertilizer classes in the absence of Prof. DuBois.

—A daughter, Elizabeth Marguerite, was born to Prof. and Mrs. Luther Banta, December 20th.

—A number of the members of the R. I. U. walked to Andover Saturday and enjoyed an afternoon skating.

—Director Wright attended the Fruit Growers' Association meeting in Rochester the middle of last week and was at Warsaw Friday attending a meeting of the Dairy-men's Association. Friday and Saturday he spoke at a Farm Bureau Institute in Wyoming County.

—Some of the members of the large field crops class feel that they are so much above their fellow students that they must sit on the top of step ladders in order to maintain their proper position. If the class continues to enlarge some of them will have to swing seats from the ceiling.

—Prof. DuBois was in Dryden last week on extension work. Every year Prof. DuBois does extension work for Cornell and he expects to be absent four or five weeks. This Monday he speaks at a meeting of the Potato Growers' Association at Cortland, N. Y. The rest of the week he will be at the demonstration school at Genoa, N. Y.

—In order to enlarge the office in the Dairy Building the glass stock room and Dairy Bacteriology room have been removed and the office now runs the entire width of the main dairy building. This was done in order to make room for another desk for Mr. Ennis and give more room for the former Professors. At present the glass-ware has been stored up-

stairs. A room will also have to be arranged for the Bacteriology work which does not come again until next term.

## PROF. SMITH ASSUMES DUTIES AT AG SCHOOL

Owing to the unusually large registration this year and the addition of the short course students, it has been found necessary to secure the services of another instructor. Ralph O. Smith has been secured and he began his duties with the beginning of the new year.

Mr. Smith comes to Alfred well prepared, being a graduate of Ohio State where he received his degree of B. S. in Agriculture in the class of '14. Mr. Smith has also had years of practical knowledge, having spent the greater share of his life on a large stock farm, at New Carlisle, Ohio.

While in college he held numerous offices and belonged to the leading university societies. Besides being a member of the Saddle and Sirloin Club, he held the office of president for two years. The Saddle and Sirloin is a very exclusive club in Ohio State and Mr. Smith may feel justly proud of having held the chief office for two years. Other societies to which he belonged are the University Grange, Towshend Literary Society and University Agricultural Society. His highest honor was that of being a member of the Ohio State judging team which represented the University at the International Live Stock Show at Chicago in 1913.

While in college Mr. Smith took his major work in Animal Husbandry and Agronomy. His work here will come under the last named. Since graduating Prof. Smith has spent most of his time on his home farm where he is greatly interested in the raising of horses and hogs. He has had some success on the fair circuits in past years, and has conducted a number of judging contests for boys at the different fairs.

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## SECOND ANNUAL REUNION OF NOO YAWK CLUB

December 28th — Enjoyable Occasion

The second annual reunion of the Noo Yawk Club was held on Tuesday evening, December 28th, in New York City. "Abe and Mawrus," a continuation of the famous play, "Potash and Pearl-muttu" was the first thing on the program. After a steady spasm of laughter at the witty remarks of "Abe," it was decided, upon "Mr. Kull's" very convincing argument, to have cats in Shanley's. This resulted in such a lowering of funds, that it was decided to break up and seek "home and mother."

Those present were, Harry Anderson '15, Fritz Intemann '15, Arthur Sheridan '15, Joe Conderman '16, Alfred Decker '17, Geo. Kull '17, John Brunz '17, and Eliott Wight '16.

## CHAPEL TALKS

Thursday morning, Jan. 6, the chapel talk was given by Miss Julia Wood. Her topic, "The American Indian," was intensely interesting and should appeal strongly to any American citizen, who has the interest of the 300,000 "True Americans," left in our great land, at heart.

Rochester University was left approximately \$1,000,000 by the will of the late Lewis Pratt Ross, president of the board of trustees. The money is to be used to found a department of dietetics.

## COUNTRY LIFE CLUB

The first meeting of the Country Life Club for the new year was held January 6th. Because of the short time since the opening of school no regular program was given.

Mr. Landen of the VanGleckend Co. gave a demonstration on methods of lighting the country or rural home. The machine which Mr. Landen demonstrated is a twelve or fifteen light machine, burning acetylene and has proven very satisfactory. The problem of light for the rural home is a momentous one and should receive more attention than it does. The percentage of defective eyesight is much greater in the country child than in those from the towns and cities where better lighting facilities are obtainable.

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## "THE FORTUNE HUNTER" BY THE AG JUNIORS

### Try-outs Being Held—To Be Presented in February

"The Fortune Hunter" by Winchell Smith has been chosen by the Ag Juniors for their annual play to be presented probably the latter part of February. Try-outs are now in progress, but no final characters have been assigned as yet.

The play is a four act comedy and comes highly recommended. There are seven main characters and eleven minor characters. A coincidence in regard to the selection of the play was that the college Junior class chose the same for their annual; had ordered the books without knowing that it had previously been chosen by the Ags. As the Ags had made the first selection the college Juniors gave way to them and have decided upon another play. Miss Madelia Tuttle, who has been so successful in the direction of the Agricultural School plays in the past, will direct the "Fortune Hunter."

### CALENDAR

#### Tuesday—

- 9:30 A. M. Agricultural School Chapel
- Basketball—Varsity vs. Canisius College, at Buffalo
- 8:00 P. M., University Faculty meeting
- 7:00 P. M., Girl's basketball practice. Important!

#### Wednesday—

- 10:00 A. M., College Assembly
- 7:30 P. M., Athletic Council meeting
- 8:00 P. M., Lecture Course

#### Thursday—

- 9:30 A. M., Agricultural School Chapel

#### Saturday—

- 7:00 P. M., Girl's basketball practice
- 8:00 P. M., Lyceums.

#### Sunday—

- 7:30 P. M., Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. meetings.
- 7:30 P. M., C. L. M. C. A. meeting.

## AG FROSH STATEMENT

When the freshman class of the Ag School organized, the majority voted to wear freshman caps. The majority have shown their loyalty and have complied with requirement, but there are five men (?) who have not. These fellows are making themselves the laughing stock of the town and are bringing dishonor upon their class. They do it perfectly innocently, however, and we wish to wake them up to the fact.

The majority of this quintet voted to wear caps but when the Student Senate refused to let the class pick the colors, these men showed their yellow streak and reversed their own decision. This is not only a disgrace to themselves, but to the class as a whole. Not only have they brought disgrace upon their class, but they have gone around town boasting, "that they would like to see the Student Senate or anybody else put caps on their heads."

Some of these men have caps already purchased but persist in showing their stubbornness and narrow-mindedness by not wearing them. These five freshmen are men only in size and form, mentally they are yearlings. They are showing the public what a fine bunch of narrow minded self thinking muckrakers the Senate and Frosh officers have to deal with when they deal with this quintet. The class has been very lucky that it has only five such members.

We ask the Student Body, the readers of this paper and the general public, to take note of this quintet of freshmen, as we have to call them, and note them as a whole or separately, and one will hardly wonder why they have not worn the caps.

Would it not have been better for these men to have complied with the simple duty of wearing a cap than stand the humiliation that they will be subject to and the self punishment they are inflicting upon themselves?

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## FORESTRY NOTES

At the Annual Meeting of the American Civic Association held in Washington, December 28-30, Henry R. Francis, Assistant Professor of Landscape Extension of the State College of Forestry at Syracuse, gave an address on "How New York Educates its People Through its Landscape Extension Service." The Washington Evening Star of December 31, 1915, heads a column referring to the address by Professor Francis with the statement "Thinks City's Models for Nation," and follows by a statement that Professor Francis pointed out that "civic art is gradually finding its way into rural districts. It is absolutely essential if we wish for shade trees that these trees be planted with due consideration of their relation to their present surroundings and the surrounding 25 years from now. Therefore it has been necessary in the Landscape Extension work of the College of Forestry at Syracuse to begin in educating the people to consider planning for the planting of rural roadsides, vilage and city streets, recreation areas, playgrounds and other public areas."

"It is rather a rare phenomenon today for a rural School Board to consider the landscaping of a school ground. Too often the services of a soliciting nursery agent are enlisted to lay out the grounds with the result that the land is spotted with geometrically shaped beds of brightly colored foliage plants and highly inflamed flowers. Possibly the nursery agent won out in the competition and the school ground became a museum for the display of horticultural freaks and monstrosities. The children of the community, and to a large degree their parents, look to the school grounds and to public grounds that are planted for suggestions as to home grounds. How much better it would have been for the community if the school authorities could have engaged the services of an expert from a State educational institution and secured effects that would add to the beauty of the community for all time to come. The matter of civic art in the country is just now purely and simply a problem of educa-

tion and this education can be brought about it seems to the College most effectively by practical demonstrations on school grounds and grounds about public buildings."

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Alfred's fifth branch alumni association, to be known as the Chemung Valley branch, will in all probabilities, be formed before Commencement. This will make a record to be proud of—Alfred, a college of 150 with five alumni associations in addition to the main organization.

The branches already in existence are the New York branch, Twentieth Century Club, Buffalo, and Syracuse, all of which are very prosperous and are doing a worthy service to their Alma Mater. Each year these associations hold a banquet, two of which were held during Christmas vacation and the others are to be held soon. The manner in which the alumni maintain their relations with Alfred testifies as to their loyalty and it is also convincing proof that Alfred develops a loyalty that is lasting.

In an article for publication headed Neutral America, Henry

B. Joy, president of the Packard Motor Co., asks, "To-day, however, on what can be based a feeling of pride in being an American, in view of recent history?" Undoubtedly (?) he refers to the humanitarian instincts of the munitions suppliers of this country, who are receiving large sums for their awful work, with whom Mr. Joy's company has allied itself.

## PEACE CONTEST PRELIMINARIES THURSDAY

### Seven Candidates—Finals February 3

The preliminary contest for the Dr. Thomas World's Peace Prize contest will be held Thursday afternoon in the English room. This contest, which is open to junior and sophomore college students, requires a preliminary contest at which six of the candidates are declared by the judges as being the best qualified to enter the final contest.

Last year, when there were eight candidates, was the first time that a sufficient number had entered to make the preliminary anything but a mere formality. This year it is understood that there are seven or eight contestants which again makes the preliminaries of considerable importance. The increase in the interest in this contest is of all the more importance in view of the present armament question that this country faces. The final contest is scheduled to take place February 3d.

## VACATION DANCE

About twenty couples were in attendance at the Christmas vacation dance at Firemens Hall, Tuesday evening before the resume of college. Prof. and Mrs. L. C. Whitford were patrons of the evening.

Have you heard about it?

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## COUNTRY LIFE CLUB EXHIBIT

### Annual Fruit and Potato Show January 13th

Next Thursday, Jan. 13th, Country Life Club will hold its annual fruit and potato exhibit. Each year the different classes enter a contest for a silver loving cup, which is awarded to the class gaining the largest total of points on their exhibit. Apples, pears, potatoes and similar fruits and vegetables may be exhibited.

The girls show work done in the laboratory kitchen such as cakes, pies, cookies, etc. There will be considerable competition this year as the senior class must win this again or lose permanent possession of the cup.

It is said that the freshmen have great plans in mind and considering their numbers, things begin to look promising.

## MID-YEAR EXAMINATIONS

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Wednesday, January 19—

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A. B. KENYON, Dean.

## SECOND GAME CANCELED BY CANISIUS

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cates that the contemplated improvement did not occur. This leaves the Varsity without a game this week altho a practice game will probably be arranged with some local team.

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## SYRACUSE BRANCH HOLDS ANNUAL DINNER

### Alfred Alumni Get Together— Medicine College Suggested

On Tuesday evening, December 28th there assembled in the rest room of the Hotel Mizpah in Syracuse a loyal crowd of Alfred alumni to attend the annual dinner of the Alfred Alumni Association of Syracuse. Shortly after six o'clock the dinner was served at a long table in the dining room. A very bountiful repast was served and a very enjoyable social time held, after which the party adjourned to one of the commodious guild rooms in the building and listened to three short after dinner speeches and sang the much-loved Alfred songs.

The president of the Syracuse branch, Dr. W. L. Potter, acted as master of ceremonies. He suggested that to be thoroughly up to date Alfred should allign itself at once with some medical college and make it possible for a student to get his Bachelor's degree and medical degree in seven years instead of in eight. In order to do this the college would have to permit the first year of medicine to substitute the senior year.

Professor Waldo A. Titsworth spoke on the athletic situation in the college. He found that all of those present were enthusiastic over the results obtained by the football team this past season, and were willing to give next year's team a financial backing if necessary.

Mr. William S. Maxson '88, next spoke on what Alfred had done for him and all of its graduates. He said that Alfred was doing more than to impart so much knowledge as such but was giving its graduates the power to feel that they were capable of **doing something**. "Alfred graduates are always leaders," he said.

President Davis was the last speaker; and in his usual pleasing manner, told of the bigger Alfred which was just dawning. He spoke particularly of the present needs in order to bring Alfred into the ranks of the newly characterized "Minimum College." He also favored the suggestion of

President Potter regarding affiliation with a good standard Medical College.

A short business meeting followed the speeches at which the officers for the past year were re-elected: for president, Dr. W. L. Potter of Syracuse, and for Secretary-Treasurer, Prof. S. B. Everts, also of Syracuse.

Among those present besides the speakers were: Hon. Clarence Willis, D. F. McClennan and Fred Crumb besides the following recent alumni: Ralph Austin, R. C. Burdick, E. K. DeWitt, W. M. Dunn, S. B. Everts, Hugh Garwood, Floyd Gilbert, C. F. McMaster, George Place, Frank Shaw, O. H. Simpson, B. D. Straight, Arthur Stukey, C. A. Todd, W. D. Welton, G. A. Whitford, A. J. Williams.

## NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PLANNED

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Alumni" carefully organized, is more than warranted; it is essential to the highest interest of the school.

Cards have been sent to about one hundred and thirty residents of the Chemung Valley and its vicinity, who have at some time been matriculated at Alfred, requesting their opinion of such a move. The card suggested an annual banquet to be held at Corning in the spring of each year. Of the total number of requests, about half have been answered up to the present time, and in almost every instance, favorably.

Ford B. Barnard of this year's graduating class is acting secretary for the new society. Mr. Barnard's home is in Corning and he is most desirous of creating in that vicinity a strong organization of Alfred "Boosters." He will be very pleased to receive some expression from those who have not yet replied to his request, or to answer any inquiries which may arise concerning it.

Too bad the methods employed toward the Bollinger baby were not in practice when our freshmen were born! remarks the Rochester Campus.

## CAMPUS

—Pres. Davis and Dean Main of the Theological Seminary, were in attendance at the North American Convention of Faith and Order, which was held at Garden City, L. I., during the past week.

—The regular monthly university faculty meeting will be held this evening at President and Mrs. Davis' home. Miss Angeline Wood, head of the domestic science department in the Agricultural School, will talk on "Other Opportunities than Teaching in Home Economics."

—Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Norwood are the proud parents of a son, John Eugene, born last Saturday. Alfred students extend hearty and sincere congratulations to the happy parents.

## ALFRIEDIAN

The Alfriedian Lyceum installed the following officers for the new term:

President—Nina Palmiter  
Vice President—Martha Cobb  
Treasurer—Genevieve Hart  
Secretary—Ruth Harer  
Critic—Gertrude Ford

The regular program was given to a large audience:

Devotions Lucy Whitford  
Music

Martha Cobb, Rachel Richmond  
Leaves of the XXth Century

Rachel Burdick  
Read by Genevieve Hart

After the program a short business meeting was called during which Florentine Hamilton '19, was voted in as an active member of the Lyceum.

## ATHENAEAN

The members of the Athenaeon Lyceum enjoyed a very fine program Saturday evening:

Devotions Nellie Wells  
Music Rose Trenkle  
Echoes Eunice Anderson  
Reading

Hazel Parker, Hazel Perkins  
Impromptu Stunt

Edna Jackson, Rose Trenkle, Genevieve Burdick

A short business meeting was held after the program.

At the recent Pan-American scientific congress at Washington a resolution was adopted to the effect that Spanish should be taught more generally in North American schools and English more generally in Latin-America.

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Judging from the number of films handed in, there are undoubtedly many pictures suitable for the Kanakadea which have not been given to the photographer. Those having films of general interest, such as views, stunt pictures, all forms of athletics, etc., should not hesitate to turn them in, as it is desired to have as large a number as possible to select from. A book will be given to the person contributing the largest number of films put in the Kanakadea. All films should be handed in as soon as possible to Mr. Sutton, or any other member of the Kanakadea Board.

**THOSE FUNNY MINSTREL MEN**

Sambo—Say, you know Artie?  
Jambo—Sure, I know Artie.  
Sambo—Well, you know Artie eats awful fast.  
Jambo—Yea? Does Artie strangle?  
Sambo—No, Artie chokes.

Mr. Ump, our silver-tongued tenor, will now sing that touching ballad, "Oh, the dog disliked the baby so they gave the child away."—Brunonian.

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Cambridge Child (passing Grand Central Station)—Oh, mama, look at that cute little library!—Lam-poon.

**Pottery and Secrecy.**

In the royal manufactory of pottery at Meissen, Saxony, the work was formerly carried on with the utmost secrecy to prevent the processes from becoming known elsewhere. The establishment was a complete fortress, the portcullis of which was not raised day or night, no stranger being permitted to enter for any purpose whatever. Every workman, even the chief inspector, was sworn to silence. This injunction was formally repeated every month to the superior officers employed, while the workmen had constantly before their eyes in large letters the warning motto, "Be Secret Unto Death." It was well known that any person divulging the process would be imprisoned for life in the castle of Koenigstein. Even the king himself when he took strangers of distinction to visit the works was enjoined to secrecy. One of the foremen, however, escaped and assisted in establishing a manufactory in Vienna, from which the secrets spread all over Germany.

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

The meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Sunday evening was led by Eva Williams. The subject was the "Kingdom of Our Thoughts," of which the leader gave an interesting talk, and others joined in the discussion. It was especially appropriate on account of the nearness of examinations.

**Y. M. C. A.**

The Y. M. C. A. Sunday evening was led by Norman Whitney. The subject was "A Man's Creed," and after an able presentation of the leader's ideas, an interesting discussion followed. The meeting was fully enjoyed by all present.

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**Upas Tree Not Deadly.**

Among the long established beliefs which have in recent years been sadly disturbed is that of the deadly character of the upas tree. The exhalations of this tree were held to be so deadly that no animal life could survive within 150 feet of it. Dr. J. D. Gimlette, an Englishman, who has lived among the Malays for eighteen years, cites a story that when the poison from this tree is wanted by a Malay witch doctor twenty condemned criminals are sent for it. Usually only one or two return alive, and these are pardoned. He says that as a matter of fact the "deadly upas" is largely a fake; that the tree may be chopped down in safety by any one with a strong arm and a keen ax. The Malay smears his creese or arrow, says the doctor, with the inspissated juice of the tree, and if the wound is deep enough the poison produces a toxic effect on the heart similar to that produced by digitalis or by strophanthus, a climbing vine of West Africa, which yields an arrow poison which acts directly on the muscles of the heart.

**Malay Weapons.**

The national Malay weapon, the creese, is said to have been invented by a Javanese monarch of the fourteenth century. Its varieties are said to exceed a hundred, and there are in Javanese no fewer than fifty names for them. It varies in size from the two foot wavy blade of Sulu down to a mere toothpick. But the peculiarity is that the weapon is never ground, but kept rough and sawlike in edge by scouring with lime juice or the juice of an unripe pineapple, sometimes mixed with arsenic, and it is on this account that creese wounds are so dangerous. Old specimens are so eaten away by this practice that the blade seems formed from a bunch of wires roughly welded up. Such creeses are highly valued, and some of the ancient ones, heirlooms of chiefs, with grotesquely carved and inlaid hilts and sheaths, are almost unpurchasable.

**Katydid.**

The deep green protective color of katydids makes it difficult to locate them on the foliage. We hear the earth full of rasping noises of katydids at night, but when the sun comes up and chases the last bit of darkness off the face of the earth the noise of the katydids ceases. When we go out to observe some of the noisy creatures we become disgusted with the futile attempt. The trouble is we are likely to have a dozen katydids under our eyes and not distinguish their forms from the deep green leaves. Katydids belong to the grasshopper family. They sometimes make a noise in daytime, but this is rather weak and a very different one compared to the noise made at night. It makes the noise, "katydid," by rubbing the overlapping wing covers against each other. This noise can be made even with the wings of a dead katydid.—Our Dumb Animals.

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**CAPTAIN R. E. BURDICK  
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Trustee of Alfred University—A  
Prominent Cleveland Man—  
Enjoyed Conspicuous Career

Captain R. E. Burdick, a member of the board of trustees of Alfred University, died at his home in Cleveland, Ohio, December 22d. Mr. Burdick was a student in Alfred in 1865-66, was elected a member of the board of trustees in 1896 and has always been one of the University's staunchest friends. In regard to Captain Burdick the following is taken from the Cleveland Town Topics:

Captain Russell E. Burdick, pioneer business man and Spanish-American war veteran, died Dec. 22d, at his home, 1945 East Seventy-fifth street, after an illness of five weeks. His death was directly due to an attack of pneumonia and came as a shock to his friends and business associates.

Captain Burdick was one of the founders of the Bowler & Burdick Company, jewelers, 1126 Euclid Ave., and at the time of his death was chairman of the firm's board of directors. Up to a year ago he was president of the company. He formed his partnership with William Bowler, now deceased, more than forty-two years ago.

Captain Burdick was active in the military affairs of Ohio, being a trustee of the Central Armory and having founded the Spanish-American War Veterans' camp which bears his name.

For years he commanded Troop A, Ohio National Guard, and was later made an aide-de-camp to Generals Horace Porter and G. M. Dodge. At the outbreak of the

Spanish-American war he was placed in command of the First Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. He was chosen to command a division of the cavalry escort for President Garfield and President McKinley at their inaugurations.

He was a member of the Union and Clifton Clubs and of the Chamber of Commerce, which he served in many positions of responsibility. He was a thirty-second degree Mason. For the past five years he had been treasurer of the Cleveland District Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Captain Burdick was born in Alfred, New York, May 28, 1848, and was educated at Alfred University, of which school he was a trustee. His wife, Mrs. Mary H. Burdick, died last spring. He is survived by a son, Carlton W., who will take over his father's interests in the jewelry business; two daughters, Mrs. Robert C. Rathbone of Englewood, New Jersey, and Mrs. Julian W. Tyler, of 1945 East Seventy-fifth street; his mother, Mrs. M. A. Burdick; one brother, H. W. Burdick, Shaker Heights, and five sisters, Mrs. A. E. Bowler and Miss Myra E. Burdick of Cleveland; Mrs. Horace Edwards of Mentor, and Mrs. Frank Beyea and Mrs. May V. Chase of Alfred, New York.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon, December twenty-fourth, Doctor A. P. Higley of Calvary Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment was at Lake View Cemetery.

Captain Burdick belonged to the generation of business men who witnessed the growth of Cleveland from a town to one of the leading cities of the country, and who by their enterprise assisted the city's wonderful de-

velopment. His numerous activities in business, military and civic affairs, and his genialty, staunch integrity and devotion to the highest standards, in his business and personal life, made him one of the best known and best liked citizens of Cleveland.

**ALUMNI**

J. H. Randolph '10, who has been connected with the American Aluminum Cooking Utensil Co. at their Chicago headquarters has been transferred to the New Orleans office, as manager. Mr. Randolph has since his graduation held a responsible position with this firm, having been very successful in building up business in new territory.

**BURDICK-SAUNDERS**

On Thursday, Dec. 30, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Burdick of Alfred, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Edna Lucile, to Paul Canfield Saunders. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders were students in Alfred together, both graduating with the class of 1914. A large number from out of town were in attendance, including several student friends. The couple will make their home in Connellsville, Pa., where Mr. Saunders has been teaching since his graduation.

**LAYMON-GREENE**

Leon S. Greene of Alfred and Miss Beulah Marcia Laymon of Port Allegany, Pa., were married Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the home of the bride's parents, Editor and Mrs. Charles O. Laymon. Mr. Greene graduated from Alfred in 1913, and is at present head of the manual training department in the high school at Freeport, L. I., where the couple will reside.

Grace — "Generally speaking, women are—"

Emmett—"Yes, they are."

Grace (annoyed at being interrupted)—"are what?"

Emmett — "Generally speaking."

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## TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB BANQUET

Saturday Evening, January 1

It is coming. It is here. It is gone. What? January 1, 1916, the date of the Twentieth Century banquet. The banquet which was held in Firemens Hall was attended by over 60 members of the Club and guests.

At 8 o'clock, after each person had found his or her dinner partner by matching up the names of famous literary or historical characters, the Club sat down to the following fine menu:

Celery	Bouillon	Olives
Fish in Timbals	Pickles	Wafers
Veal Birds	Mashed Potatoes	
	French Peas	
Fruit Salad	Saltines	
Ice Cream	Cake	Coffee
Salted Almonds	Bon-Bons	

The toastmaster of the evening was William Dunn, '07, Principal of the LeRoy High School, who is also president of the Club. He presided in a very capable and pleasing manner, introducing the following speakers: Miss Grace L. Todd, '02, Lowell F. Randolph, '16, Miss Margaret E. Place, '13, Waldo E. Rosebush, '09, Langford C. Whitford, '12, Director Charles F. Binns, and Prof. J. N. Norwood, '06.

Miss Todd, a librarian in New York City, who spoke on "Alfred Fifteen Years Ago" gave a humorous portrayal of Alfred at that time, in which she showed that the same problems which the students of Alfred are meeting and solving today were met and solved by the students then. Lowell F. Randolph, president of the class of 1916, spoke on "The Neophytes" or beginners. He said that although the class of 1916 were Neophytes in that they were just entering the Twentieth Century, they are not beginners in the possession of the fine spirit of the Club. On behalf of the class of 1916, he thanked the Club for the privilege

of the members of that class of becoming members of the Club.

Miss Margaret Place, supervisor of music and drawing in the Catskill schools, spoke on "The Joys of Living." Miss Place said that the greatest joy of living was being glad for all things or like Pollyanna, always to play the glad game. Waldo E. Rosebush, a paper manufacturer of Appleton, Wis., spoke on "The West." He said that three things which had made the West famous and things which were now being copied from the West by all of the United States, are energy, imagination and initiative.

Langford C. Whitford, Graduate Manager, spoke on "The Athletic Situation." He briefly summarized the successful football season which has just closed and emphasized how necessary it was for Alfred to have a successful coach next year. He gave an estimated budget which will be needed to run the football team next year and then circulated a paper among those present for donations toward his budget. Before introducing the next speaker, Toastmaster Dunn spoke briefly on Alfred's athletic need and asked the members of the Twentieth Century Club to give next year's football team their hearty support.

Prof. Charles F. Binns, Director of the New York State College of Clay-Working and Ceramics, the next speaker, spoke on "Alfred Fifteen Years Hence" very ably taking the place of President Davis who was to have spoken on this subject but owing to illness was unable to attend. Director Binns gave a brief account of Alfred during the past fifteen years or the time he has been connected with the University and painted a rosy future for the institution showing along which lines the University would and ought to grow.

Prof. J. Nelson Norwood of the History and Political Science Department, gave a very able toast on "The Twentieth Century Club." In this Prof. Norwood showed what the Twentieth Century Club has done and what it hopes to do. Some of the things which the Club has done directly or indirectly are, the establishment of the Underclass Scholarship Cup, the establishment of the Press Club and Chemistry Medals, the founding of the Vocational Bureau and the Summer School.

Before adjourning to the parlors, Mr. Dunn asked Manager Whitford to give a report of the amount raised

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by the circulation of the papers for the benefit of the football team. Manager Whitford reported that \$200 had been raised. The members of the various classes then gave their class yells and the most successful Twentieth Century Club banquet had become a part of history.

The following committee had charge of the arrangements: Misses Susan M. Langworthy, '04, Ruth Rogers, '09, Linton B. Crandall, '04, and Claude Cartwright, '09. The committee is to be congratulated on the success of the whole affair.

Among those present were:

James Austin, Laurence M. Babcock, Grover M. Babcock, Elizabeth F. Bacon, H. Arlotta Bass, James D. Bennehoff, Edith M. Burdick, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baggs, Director and Mrs. C. F. Binns, Abbie Burdick, Ford B. Barnard, Claude W. Cartwright, Cecil Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Clarke, Ella M. Crumb, Ralph A. Crumb, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Crandall, W. M. Dunn, Luella Eells, Arthur E. Granger, Clarence E. Greene, Horace Hall, Sarah Howard, Susan M. Langworthy, Aaron MacCoon, Ray Maure, Myrtle Meritt, Carl Meritt, Morton E. Mix, J. N. Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Place, Margaret Place, Roy Quick, Fucia Randolph, Lowell F. Randolph, Orra S. Rogers, Jessie M. Robbins, Fred S. Rogers, Ruth A. Rogers, Waldo E. Rosebush, O. H. Simpson, Carol B. Stillman, Adelene Titsworth, Bertha Titsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Titsworth, Grace L. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Whitford, Donald E. Wilson.

## SHORT COURSE AT AG SCHOOL OPENS

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vious years. The present number is sixteen, while five students have entered as regular students. Despite the fact that so few new students have enrolled, the present facilities are inadequate and many classes are crowded for room.

Mr. Ennis, of the Department of Agriculture, at Albany, is spending a short time here promoting the interests of the Co-operative Cow Testing Association. A number of the short course students as well as regular students, have enrolled in the cow testing class, which is under the supervision of Mr. Ennis.

## ASSEMBLY

Prof. Porter gave the student body a most interesting address in Assembly last Wednesday on the subject, "Fine Arts of Idling." Miss Porter's connection with the Excuse Committee and their difficulties no doubt, brought the subject of truancy into prominence. The statement that the enjoyment and worth of the idle hour depends entirely upon the intensity of the other twenty-three hours of work, gave a new view of the value of one's time.

## MUSIC DEP'T

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