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## SHORT HISTORY OF ALFRED ACADEMY

**Alfred Academy No Longer a Part of the University—Alfred Among the Last Colleges to Separate the Academy from Its Organization**

This year witnesses the passing of Alfred Academy from the University organization and its establishment as a high school. In doing this the Academy has followed the trend of the passing of the Academies from the control of the college, to the control of the state. Alfred has been one of the last to take this step and it speaks well for the manner in which she cherishes her old traditions that she should continue it so long after most colleges had separated the academies from their organizations. A short history, as best it can be separated from the relations of the college and academy, of the academy would be well at this time both for old students who have attended Alfred Academy and present students whose connection with it has not been so favorable.

In the fall of 1836 Alfred Academy began its existence in an upper chamber of Luke Green's residence as a select school under the control of Rev. Bethuel C. Church, who conducted it about one term. Thirty-seven pupils gathered from Alfred and vicinity attended the first school year which consisted of four terms of eleven weeks each. In the winter of 1836 the Alfred Debating Society was organized and continued until 1842, when it took a definite and formal organization under the name of Franklin Academic Lyceum. In 1837, the first school building known as the Cadmus or "Horned Bug" was erected. The next teacher and principal was Rev. James R. Irish

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ALFRED ACADEMY

### UNIQUE PLAN TO MAKE ALFRED EASIER OF ACCESS TO HORNELL STUDENTS

**President Davis Suggests Plan That Should Be Given a Trial**

Following is a very interesting letter written by President Davis to the Hornell Tribune-Times:

"Occasionally I have inquiries in regard to transportation from Hornell to Alfred for students who wish to come to Alfred early in the morning for classes and return at night. At least one party has been making inquiry this year. I am now pleased to learn that bus accommodations can be arranged through the Hornell-Alleghany Transportation Co. for an early morning bus from Hornell to Alfred if as many as five

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## FOOTBALL TEAM WORKING HARD

**Alfred Has a Different Outlook With Sweetland at the Helm Large Enrollment in Ag School Promises Much Material**

What is the secret of Coach Sweetland's past successes? All who read his record in last week's Fiat have wondered about this, it is certain. Well, it is no secret at all. That is, unless the manner in which a man pushes an automobile over a hill so as to coast down to the gasoline station on the other side, is a secret. You have guessed it, just downright hard work.

Any one who has been down to watch practice every night this week, knows this to be the largest item in Sweetland's worth.

Why, no boss in a sweat-shop ever worked his help as hard as the Coach works the football squad and there is no talk of a strike either!

When, after three-quarters of an hour of seemingly aimless effort of trying to see which line can crowd the greater number of men through the other, two rows of line-men jump up from a confused mass of arms and legs and crouch and plunge at each other again, as the ball is snapped to some much-enduring and patient spectator who happens to catch the Coach's eye, anyone with eye sight enough to make out the moon on one of these clear nights, can see that the fellows are working toward some definite goal.

While the line-men are thus tearing all the grass off the sod (and by the way, Sweetland with very capable foresight starts them in on a new green spot each night) the backfield men are running up under punts, chasing around after forward passes and throwing themselves at each other's knees with such a deter-

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**This Year Should See This Valuable Organization as One of the Best in College**

It has taken the Press Club of Alfred University two years to walk up into the present. Now it is going to run. It would not be correct to say that the Press Club has not been successful. It is true, however, that it still has much to attain. During these two years, which have been the years of preparation, years in which the organization has had opportunity to get its soundings and learn its limitations, it is not expected that it would accomplish a great deal. It is expected, however, that with two years of

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLLEGE OPENING ADDRESS

The President's College opening address is given near the opening of the College year, in the hope of placing before the student body some of the principles and ideals of Alfred as a college and of securing from the students sympathetic co-operation and support for these principles and ideals.

It is desirable that the Freshmen upon entering college should be made acquainted at once, so far as possible, with the general program and purpose of our college life and work. We who have been longer in college, and even we who teach, need to refresh our minds again and again with certain facts and purposes; and to clear our minds of some of the accumulations which easily obstruct the clearer vision of our mission and purpose while in college.

There are traditions which are good. These we wish to strengthen and enrich. Much of the best things about a college are its wholesome traditions.

There are sometimes traditions started that are not wholesome. They are detrimental to the college good name, and to the right development of the members of the student body. Such traditions need to be changed by a live patriotic student sentiment.

I feel, on such occasions as this, something as a father might feel when the family sits down around the fireside circle and talks over confidentially and frankly the common interests and common welfare of the home and of the members of the family. There are things we all like to talk about. There are things on which we like to congratulate each other, and over which we rejoice together. Such as, for example, the new members of the family. What a fine bunch this Freshman class is, and how proud we are of them! They are not only good looking, but they are enthusiastic and ambitious to know just what to do and to do just the right thing. We like their class cheer, "Work for Alfred all the time, A. U. '19." They represent varied accomplishments and come from so many different states and high schools. Some of them come from high schools where good loyal Alfred Alumni have been teaching, and we are stirred with pride and love for such loyal alumni who have gone out into the world and are doing its work, and who do not forget to speak a good word for their Alma Mater.

Some of these Freshmen are here because college students of the upper classes have spoken good words for Alfred while they have been at home for their vacations, and we congratulate these students upon the fact that they are such good representatives of their Alma Mater.

Around this fireside circle we talk over all these things that make our hearts swell with pride and pleasure.

But this fireside meeting, to be really constructive and useful must

do more than to prove a mutual admiration society. It must talk over some of the problems, the plans, the things to be done, and the improvements to be made; and for any wide-awake and progressive family or college, there are plenty of them. We shall always have ideals just before us, as yet unattained. We shall always have limitations and faults which we shall be struggling to eliminate and correct.

The college is a co-operative institution. The faculty however well trained and devoted to their tasks, can not do the work without the aid and co-operation of the students. Nor can college work be made wholly easy and agreeable. One of its chief ends is, by discipline, to train the mind to concentration, steadiness and persistence. Men go to college to be educated. Education involves self-denial, self-control and self-direction.

This is just as true in education for the hundred and one vocations for which training is necessary today as it was for the three or four learned professions of a generation ago.

Furthermore, with all the progress incident to our modern life, it is nevertheless true that in the average American home, there is less exacting and disciplinary training than there was in the homes of our forefathers a generation or two ago. Freshmen too often enter college without having learned self-denial, self-control, and self-direction, and Seniors sometimes resent having to acquire these qualities before graduation.

All this is not so much the fault of the students, as it is of the times, and the social conditions under which young people are brought up and educated. Nevertheless many a student has painfully to learn to hold himself to disagreeable tasks, and to habits of work when to loaf would be more to his liking. No student is educated, until he no longer feels that it is undemocratic and despotic to be required in college to hold himself to distasteful tasks and hard, exacting work.

The first principle, therefore, that I wish to emphasize in this opening address, is that education involves serious, strenuous, tasks; and the ability to practice self-denial, self-control and self-direction.

I wish you would notice the order in which these qualities are placed. Self-denial is first. Self-control follows, and both precede self-direction, many people want to practice self-direction who have not mastered the pre-requisites, self-denial, and self-control. Freshmen sometimes protest against campus rules, they want to be self-directing before they have learned to practice self-control, and self-denial. Upper classmen sometimes resent student Life Committee supervision, and faculty regulations, when it is evident they have yet to learn self-denial and self-control.

Many of the so-called questionable amusements offer their greatest peril

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to people who have not learned self-denial and self-control. When these have been learned, it is quite safe to trust young people with self-direction. Student self-government under approved regulations and systems seeks to stimulate, develop, and perfect these qualities. Whatever the faculty does by committee or otherwise to safeguard and direct such self-government, is solely for the purpose of fostering these inestimable qualities of the cultured man or woman.

A second principle which I wish to emphasize is that of obligation. If the college is a co-operative institution, based upon the participation of individuals who have acquired self-denial, self-control, and self-direction; obligation is fundamental. One of the first qualities of a gentleman is the sense of obligation. The man who can not do "team work" in college, lacks this sense of obligation. No man, no matter how generously he pays his way in college, ever pays for his education. Every man in college is in a sense a charity student. He does not and can not pay his way. Other people or the state have made it possible for him to use the large resources and advantages of the college, for which he does not and can not pay in any adequate sense. If he loafs or resents the discipline of college, he disregards the foundations which self-denying and generous men and women have laid. He takes his ease at the expense of other people. He is a parasite and does nothing to justify his privileges. The student who thinks the college or the faculty is trying to "put something over" and that he must "buck" the faculty, is wanting in this sense of obligation which every gentleman must have.

The college exists solely for benevolent ends; and students who elect a college, make application to this ancient foundation, with its endowments, equipments, and its teaching staff, paid largely by endowments, to be permitted to participate in its benefits, and promise to co-operate in its ends and purposes. It is a mutual contract, that college registration involves, in which the student pledges co-operation in return for the co-operation of the vast resources of the college corporation. I repeat

therefore that the sense of obligation is a requisite for any man of honor, and much more for a college student.

The faculty of this college desires to make co-operation and the sense of responsibility easy and natural. We desire to promote student self-government and self-direction in so far as the evidence of self-denial and self-control in the students themselves will permit. The second assembly, the one following the President's College opening address, is to be given up to the heads of student organizations to outline their purposes and plans for the year's work.

A student Life Committee is appointed by the faculty to co-operate with the Student Senate and other officers of student organizations in bringing about a common understanding and conformity to good order and propriety. This Committee is not the enemy of the student body, but it is the out-stretched hand of the faculty to promote among the students, confidence and co-operation.

It has sometimes been said that to be elected to membership on the Student Senate is to be at once tabooed, distrusted and spurned. Now to be elected to the Student Senate is the highest honor you can give your fellows. No one merits such an honor unless he is willing, conscientiously and religiously to fulfill all the duties of the office, no matter how onerous or distasteful.

Any student who treats such a faithful officer with indifference or disrespect, is wanting in the fundamental qualities which I have been discussing in this address, viz., self-denial, self-control, self-direction and obligation.

Any such student is not worthy to have a place among college men and women; and student sentiment, instead of condoning such a spirit, should resent the charge of it and purge the student body of it.

If the Student Senate makes an honest effort to locate unruly members of the body, instead of hindering and embarrassing the effort, students with the qualities I have described, will aid and promote in all reasonable ways, any such inquiry on the part of the officers whom they have honored by election as their representatives in such responsible positions. A few



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instances of such strong co-operation and support will change the tradition from one of indifference or of active resistance to student officers, to a tradition of loyal co-operation and support.

I happen to know that a number of the men of the college have pledged their honor this year, not only to refrain from questionable or objectionable conduct themselves for the future, but to use all means within their power to promote effective student self-government. I am confident, therefore that I can promise to the new Student Senate, and other student officers a more loyal and hearty co-operation, and a better backing of student sentiment than ever before. I request from all students who have not definitely made the pledge of which I speak, that you will make it to yourselves and to each other, both for the sake of helping the men who have made it, and for the sake of helping your student officers and creating a more wholesome and effective tradition and student sentiment.

For the past few months we have had much more satisfactory conduct than formerly in the library. The quiet which it is necessary to maintain there is easily maintained when all are thoughtful and willing to co-operate in silent work in the building.

I have felt much anxiety about the future of the Lyceums, particularly the men's lyceums, which have suffered most lately. They have been vital parts of our college life here for more than half a century. I believe that there is in them too much of value to be lost. I would like to suggest that an experiment be made of holding the sessions bi-weekly or monthly rather than weekly, which has seemed so difficult of late. Such a change might strengthen the programs, and increase the attendance I think. It is worth trying I am sure.

I wish also to say a word about the daily Chapel or devotional service at 8:50 each morning. I have been greatly pleased with the large attendance at this service so far this year. I have long believed that all religious services for adults must be voluntary, to be of any spiritual value. But I grow more and more deeply convinced as the years go by, that no person can safely neglect to seek daily

the spiritual values of religion. There is nothing that can take the place of it for building up the finer and deeper fiber of the soul. This ten-minute worship period, though voluntary, has possibilities of the greatest moment to each of us, if we will religiously set aside this brief time in order to begin the day with spiritual meditation and prayer. Will you not all stand by this service faithfully this year, both for the good it will do each personally, and also for the help that your presence at the service may give to others?

And now finally, I wish to set before you a high standard or ideal for the future; something toward which we may look up, and for which we may strive.

An educator of national acquaintance and reputation, and one who received his education in a New England College, has recently paid Alfred a very high compliment. He has said that of the two educational institutions in the United States which give their students the highest percentage of personal benefit while in attendance, Alfred is one. If Alfred is justly entitled to such a high compliment, it is because of loyal co-operation, such as I have described between the faculty and the student body in the effort to attain these ideals.

Now I would like to crystalize this idealism and put it in such concrete form that every one may fully comprehend it and get solidly behind that ideal for a still more effective and successful future.

I think I am true to the founders of this ancient college, and to the generations yet unborn, when I say that the great ideal ever before this College must be—"The recreation of personal and social and national life for the highest ends of intellect, morals, and religion."

Such an ideal is ever advancing as we approach to it. It contemplates the making over into a new product of each new generation. It includes the formation within each new class, and within each new personality that is here dedicated to a future mission, or career of service, of those lofty concepts of an obligation which seeks the good of all. It calls for the face of every man to be irrevocably set toward justice and good will among men, and among nations. It asks

nothing for itself that does not ask for humanity. It exalts the priceless value of truth, and of beauty as the means for the creation of new and personal values. It reverences God and bows to the things of the spirit.

With such an ideal making over each new life, each new class, each new generation, Alfred's future historians may honor her as she is even now honored, and keep her name at the top of the list of those colleges whose great ideals and whose genuine work, give the largest percentage of benefit to those who are fortunate enough to come within her sphere of influence.

### NEWS OF OTHER COLLEGES

Princeton University opened with the smallest entering class in three years.

Stockton Wells, a freshman at Princeton, died of heart failure as a result of the annual class rush Friday. The undergraduates unanimously decided to discontinue all class rushes for the present year.

University of Pennsylvania opened Friday with an increase of 200 in its enrollment over last year. Evidently the action of the board of trustees in dismissing Prof. Scott Nearing, did not have the damaging effect to the University's attendance that might have been expected.

Saturday witnessed the start of the 1915 football season. Some high scores were registered while some of the larger teams were scored upon and in some cases forced to their uppermost to carry off the honors.

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Again the project of building an ice skating rink on the athletic field is the subject of considerable discussion. If such a plan is feasible and there seems to be no definite knowledge as yet whether it is or not some action will undoubtedly be taken this year to fulfill this long felt want. Alfred is ideally situated for winter sports—the skeeing, tobogganing, coasting and snowshoeing which we already have need only the addition of skating to form an unbeatable combination.

Such an undertaking would be of rather large proportions and if attempted it should not be entered into with the idea that it will not require a great deal of work.

It remains first, to establish authoritatively whether the proposed plan is possible and then get sufficient student backing to carry it through immediately after the close of the football season.

It has taken Coach Sweetland just one week to upset all Alfred coaching precedents and he has done it in a way as to make one's heart rejoice. Heretofore it has been believed that owing to the small number to select teams from that a coach had to knuckle to the whims of the men who reported. It is with pleasure that the Fiat announces that such is not the case, at least as far as Sweetland is concerned. He has ideas of his own and happy to say, they prevail—prevail not with a feeling of opposition, but with the strongest support of the candidates themselves that has ever been displayed at Alfred.

Then there is the matter of training. Recent years have always witnessed indifferent and sometimes flagrant violations of training rules while the coaches have stood helplessly by and suffered the consequences. Sweetland is entirely at odds with such views and he immediately put his opposition into operation but somehow it seems to be meeting with success. Training is the order of the day.

These are some of the changes wrought under the advent of Coach Sweetland. There are many more and more will follow for one of Sweetland's "secrets" is the lack of routine in his coaching.

Occasionally inquiries are made by students as to the requirements necessary to qualify for student assistantships. The presence of such inquiries, made the way they are, would indicate that competition for these honors is not very strong and such unfortunately has been the case for the most part. We do not mean to say that the assistants have not been the best adapted to the work they were chosen to by the professors, for the professors themselves have naturally selected the ones who would in their estimation be the most satisfactory, but that the best results have not been obtained. This is because the policy pursued in the past has not been such as to develop the candidates with any reference to special

training or knowledge of the work previous to selection.

It is an honor worth competing for and faculty members could well impress upon the students the desirability of entering the field. Even if one is not successful it would have the beneficial effect of raising the scholarship of the different departments. Certainly there is no place in college where the best prepared material possible is more to be desired.

## BRIEF COMMENT

The attendance at chapel this year is very encouraging and it is hoped that it will continue so. It now remains to interest the faculty to a proportionate degree.

The Aggies will be here next week about one hundred fifty strong. Their assistance to the football team will be "all to the good."

## SWEETLAND IN THE HALL OF FAME

In looking over the Spalding's 1915 Football Guide, one may find in the list of famous runs since 1873, the following which is of interest to us just now: On Nov. 6, 1898, E. R. Sweetland, playing with Cornell against Williams ran 55 yards for a touchdown after recovering a fumble, and on Nov. 14, of the same year, our Coach scored after getting a blocked kick 87 yards from the goal line. This was against Lafayette.

## ALUMNI

The engagement of Miss Huldah A. Reed '08, of Hornell to Newton Enghas of Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, has been announced.

Miss Jessie L. Oaks '08, of Angelica has been engaged to teach Latin and English in the Batavia High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin Bradley, (both former members of class 1915, of Hornell were the guests of Isabel Bradley '19, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley have just returned from their wedding trip through the eastern part of the state and are now residing at 25 Hakes Ave., Hornell.

Miss Clara B. French '14, of Cuba, N. Y., was married Tues-

day, September 14, to Foster B. Cady, N. Y. S. A. '13, of Troupsburg, N. Y. Miss French taught during the past year in the Bolivar High School. The newly married couple will make their home near Utica where Mr. Cady is superintendent of a large farm.

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Degrees conferred by colleges and universities included 26,533 baccalaureate, 5,248 graduate, and 749 honorary. The degree of doctor of philosophy was conferred as the result of examination by 46 institutions on 446 men and 73 women.

There were 216,493 students in colleges, universities, and technological schools in 1914, according to the annual report of the United States Commissioner of Education, recently issued. This is an increase of 14,262 over 1913. The bureau's list for 1914, includes 567 institutions, a decrease of 29 from the preceding year. States or municipalities control 93 of the colleges; private corporations control 474. Men still outnumber women in higher education; there were 139,373 men in 1914 and 77,120 women, as

compared with 128,644 men and 73,587 women in 1913. Despite rising standards of admission and graduation, college enrollment has more than tripled since 1890.

More material progress is noted in receipts for the year which totaled \$120,579,257, more than \$18,400,000 of that being for endowment. Benefactions amounted to \$26,670,017, an increase of more than \$2,000,000 over the year previous.

#### CAMPUS

Ford B. Barnard '16, spent the week-end in Corning.

Anna C. Savage '18, was home over Saturday and Sunday.

Helen Ryan '19, spent the week-end at her home in Corning.

Pres. Davis delivered an address at the Dalton Fair last Thursday in place of Director Wright of the Agricultural School who was unable to fill the appointment. The subject of Pres. Davis' address was, "Agricultural Education."

#### Y. M. C. A.

At the regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday evening, Meredith Maxson gave an address on the "Ideals of the Christian Association."

This was followed by a discussion on the formation of Bible classes and a committee was appointed to report next week on plans for such classes.

#### HIKERS' CLUB

**A Few Members Start the Season With a Walk to Hornell**

Guy Rixford '17, Elwood Kenyon '17, Elmer Bass '18, and Robert Sherwood '19, started off the season Saturday afternoon when they went to Hornell via the heel and toe method. After taking in the various forms of amusement offered at Hornell they started on their homeward hike about 10 P. M.

There will be an official reorganization of the Hikers Club this week, embracing all old members and pledging new ones. All men desiring admittance to this far famed club of pedestrians, will be made acquainted with the necessary qualifications for admittance, upon application to Kenyon or Rixford.

The officers when interviewed by a Fiat man were all in a very optimistic frame of mind over the outlook for the ensuing year and enthusiastically expressed their belief in this live organization.

#### SENATE AWARD PROC CONTEST TO SOPHS

The proc contest has been awarded a victory to the Sophomore class.

#### STUDENT SENATE.

As stated last week in the Fiat the proc posted at the rear of Prof. Binns' residence was the only one that was not removed but this was sufficient to return the Sophs victors. Early claims were made that Prof. Binns' house was not a legal place for the contest as it is not campus property. This point failed to bear weight as the boundaries as now laid out take in Prof. Binns' property.

#### ALUMNI

Wm. G. Whitford '11, was an Alfred guest Friday. Mr. Whitford is a member of the faculty of the University of Chicago.

Harold Saunders ex-'17, and Cyrus Kruse ex-'16, are both students at Ohio State University at Columbus, O. Mr. Saunders is taking a chemical engineering course while Mr. Kruse is in the ceramic department.

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### UNIQUE PLAN TO MAKE ALFRED EASIER OF AC- CESS TO HORNELL STUDENTS

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parties will make the regular use of this morning bus. I think it would be a great advantage to many Hornell people to avail themselves of the college opportunities and still live at home now that this convenient arrangement for transportation can be made. I am sending this letter to you by Mr. Thomas Stevens, the driver of the bus, and if you can print a notice of this opportunity and interest people to take advantage of it, I am sure it will be a benefit to them as well as to the college.

We have opened with a large Freshman class of over fifty members, five of whom are from Hornell and vicinity and altogether there are nine Hornell students in college this year.

Very truly yours,  
BOOTHE C. DAVIS, Pres."

Just what advantages and disadvantages would come from such arrangements is a matter of conjecture; however, that the plan is feasible and very much worth while, is at the same time apparent. It would seem that whenever possible, residence at a place very near the college is to be desired, and yet there is no obvious reason why a plan such as Pres. Davis suggests, would not succeed. With the bus line running from the very heart of Hornell to the college campus, the

time required for travel would be reduced to a minimum and but for the fact that evenings away from college would offer a little less opportunity to meet students socially no other objection appears. The plan is unique. We hope that its usefulness may have an opportunity to be tested.

### CERAMIC NOTES

A new kiln is being built for salt glazing.

The Seniors are already busy with their theses.

Traces of Kanakadea work can be seen in the art department.

The Junior class is doing some very good flower painting. The Sophomores are making a brave beginning at the same.

The class in ceramic craft is undertaking the making of pottery in a more professional manner. At present they are working at incense jars.

Miss Greenwood of the Ceramic School left last week for her home in Boston. Miss Greenwood has a year's leave of absence from her duties as a faculty member but has been here since the opening of college to assist her successor, Miss Fosdick, to organize her work.

### Y. W. C. A.

"What was it all about?" This was the topic of the Sunday night meeting. Two of our delegates, Nina Palmiter and Mildred Taber, told of the summer conference at Eagles Mere.

### FOOTBALL TEAM WORKING HARD

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mined and tireless vigor that the Coach smiles as they go puffing by (by the way, again with your permission, these puffs are fewer and farther between than they were last week) and the spectators come to the conclusion that these men, too, have some definite goal in view.

Now, those of you who are acquainted with Alfred's traditions may know what they are working for, but to those who do not, it may be said that the Fiat does not believe in pre-season prophecies, and will only enlighten you to this extent, that there are some schools around here that now consider Alfred University good material for practice games only and these same teams used to bow before Alfred's football name with a humility equal to that of Henry IV at Canossa.

Manager Whitford is not ready to announce a game for Friday afternoon, yet, but before this reaches you he may have succeeded in arranging a game with one of the city high schools around here. He is fairly sure, however, of a game a week from Friday with Olean High School, although no contract has yet been signed.

It is reported from the office that eighty-two freshmen have applied for admission to the Agricultural School, which opens on October fourth, and with nearly all the members of last year's Freshman and Junior classes coming back, the number of Ag students will be over 150. About seven-eighths of these are men and with all these fellows to pick from University football practice will begin about Monday afternoon of next week.

Come down to the field two or three afternoons this week. Few of you have classes from five to six. Besides you don't realize the benefit you will receive from the outing and the encouragement you will give the fellows and the interest you will get in the team.

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## SHORT HISTORY OF ALFRED ACADEMY

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who conducted the school from 1837 to 1839. In the year of 1839 Rev. Wm. Kenyon was appointed to the position of principal. In July, 1849, Prof. Kenyon, seeing that the teaching force was insufficient to meet the growing demands of the increasing numbers, reorganized the faculty and the seven associate principals and teachers formed a plan to build up a non-sectarian school.

In 1843 a charter was granted to Alfred Academy, in spite of the opposition of the regents to small schools. The example of the Franklin Society was followed in 1846, by the organization of the Theological Society and the Ladies' Alphadelphian. In 1850 the Orophilian Lyceum was formed, closely followed by the Alleghanian and the Ladies' Literary Society. These three soon became permanently organized societies of the institution.

By the year 1855, the school property comprised the buildings: Chapel, which contained the recitation rooms; North Hall, which later removed and repaired, was devoted to the accommodation of men students and was under the superintendence of Prof. and Mrs. Pickett; South Hall, set apart for use of lady students; Middle Hall, containing kitchen and boarding hall of the institution and occupied by Prof. Kenyon, Prof. Allen, and a few students. The grounds were little better than sheep pasture with foot-paths leading through the brush to the several buildings. There were no amusements in Alfred, the students were too busy.

Prof. Jonathan Allen, member of the first graduating class of the Academy in 1844, assistant teacher for three years and a graduate of Oberlin, became assistant principal in 1849. In the fall of 1856 he went to Albany and secured a charter which granted to the Academy the privileges and duties of a college with power to add departments as occasion might require, thus giving to the institution a university character. In this process of organization Prof. Kenyon was

elected president of the school.

In 1866, Prof. Allen succeeded President Kenyon and served uninterruptedly for twenty-three years. During this time more room was demanded. The Steinheim was erected and in it the many collections of Pres. Allen. In 1882, a Memorial Hall was built and dedicated to Pres. Wm. C. Kenyon. This building contained Library, Natural History Museum Art and Lecture rooms of the school.

The literary phase of the school had also been advancing. The year 1847 dates the first appearance of the Alfred Student which was published in the interests of Alfred University and her literary societies, the Orophilian, the Alleghanian, and the Athenaeon.

After the death of Pres. Allen in 1892, the Academy along with the Theological Seminary and the College was continued under the direction of Pres. A. B. Kenyon until 1893; Pres. A. E. Main until 1895 and Pres. B. C. Davis at the present time.

Although it has moved from its place in the old Chapel, to the Grammar School, the College still carries on its practice-teaching classes in the Academic department.

The old Academy building is for the time being to be used for basketball for which purpose a new floor has been laid this summer. As soon, however, as the need of a basketball hall is more satisfactorily met by the new gymnasium, the Academy building will be refitted as an Alumni Hall.

### GLEE CLUB

One of the latest undertakings of the music department is the Male Glee Club. The trustees have authorized the organization, and under the direction of Prof. Wingate, it promises to be a success. The following men reported for practice Thursday evening in the Studio: Griffiths, Greene, Fiske, Saunders, Davis, Ayars, Blumenthal, Poole, Randolph, Sherwood, Place, Murdock, and Kenyon. The Club will be comprised of sixteen men.

Alfred has not supported a Glee Club for several years, and since the discontinuance of the University Quartet, the need of one has

been sorely felt. The organization will be a source of valuable training, and will serve the school in many ways.

Director Wingate expects to have the Club in shape to make at least two tours during the season, one of which will be undoubtedly taken during the Easter vacation in neighboring cities and towns. A musical and literary program will be given.

In order to make this organization a success the men, who go into it, must work; and the support of the students, generally, is needed. The regular meeting time will be Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. All men are requested to be on time.

### ALFRIEDIANS TO ENTERTAIN

The Alfriedian Lyceum will entertain the Freshmen girls at the Lyceum rooms, October 2, 1915. All present and former Alfriedians are urged to be present at this meeting.

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Devotions	Genevieve Hart
Music	Ruth Brown
Leaves of XXth Century	Ellen Holmes
Music	Hazel Stillman

A business meeting was held after the program in which the problem of unionization of the girl lyceums was discussed, but no vote taken.

## ATHENAEAN

The Athenaeum Lyceum began the new school year with an enthusiastic audience. The Freshmen girls were entertained Saturday evening, with the following program:

Devotions	Mildred Whitney
Athenaeum Echoes	Alice Baker
Music	Ednah Horton
	furnished by Rose Trenkle and Mary Saunders
Reading	Genevieve Burdick
Music	Athenaeum Trio

After the regular program Katrine Vander Veer and Helen Gardiner dressed in yellow and white, the Athenaeum colors, gave the lyceum song and yell which completed the evening's entertainment. The committee in charge consisted of Dorothy Wells, Enid White, Abby Burdick.

## K. K. K'S. ENTERTAIN MEMBERS OF SENIOR HOUSE

The first K. K. K. social event of the year took place Thursday evening when the club entertained the members of the Senior House at their home, the Castle, at 6 o'clock luncheon. Following the repast the remainder of the time was spent in various forms of entertainment. The guests were: Misses Eva Williams, Ina Withey, Katrine Vander Veer, Helen Gardiner, Ethel McLean, Nina Palmiter, Lucy Whitford, Messrs. Earl Burdick and Earl Howe. Mrs. Allen, matron of the Senior House was the patroness for the evening.

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## PRESS CLUB BEGINS THIRD YEAR ACTIVE WORK

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background to fill out the perspective, that the society will loom up more distinctly in the present year.

To some the plans and purposes of this club which has been a part of ourselves for the past few years, must be a matter of mere conjecture notwithstanding that it has very definite aims. We admit generally that its purpose is to place notices and writeups of interesting happenings at Alfred, in the papers which circulate daily or weekly in the localities where the happenings will receive most attention. Sometimes we follow it further. Here is a student who comes a distance from home and from a locality where the name Alfred is but a hearsay. The student is well known in his or her home town; the college isn't, then the student accomplishes something in a specific way at school, and the Press Club inserts a carefully written article in his or her home paper. From that time on the name of Alfred is linked with that of the student and the impression of success which has been created by the student, clings to the school where it was made to exist. In matters of more than local interest, the news is made to find its way into the papers of more than local importance, and the school becomes more generally a matter of common information.

Alfred needs no group of amateur journalists to place it on the map. Alfred does need enough enthusiastic students to grow with the school's needs and make it stay put.

The abstract good which occurs to the members takes care of itself—but the abstract developed into the concrete through the generosity of one, Mr. Ferdinand Titsworth, an Alfred man, and this demands explanation. Each year a gold medal is offered to that member of the Club who shall best fulfill the following conditions:

First: The copy must pertain strictly to student activities.

Second: The papers in which

the copy shall appear shall be divided in the following groups:

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2—City or Class B, to include papers published in cities of 10,000 to 100,000 population; in which each inch shall count 5 points.

3—Rural or Class C, to include all publications excepting those mailed from the Alfred post office and published in communities of under 10,000 in which each inch of space shall count one point.

Third: No distinction will be made between morning and evening papers under the above division.

Fourth: Copy that appears upon the sporting page of any paper shall be given the greatest preference in the awarding of the medal.

Last year, the first time the award was made, Ford B. Barnard '16, was the successful contestant.

If the Press Club is to be firmly established as a college tradition, then this year ought to do it. Working side by side with the Fiat, there is no reason why the spirit for which they both stand, should not so permeate the school that new recruits shall fall under the standard, and a solid foundation be assured.

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