



ANOTHER ALFRED REUNION IN NEW YORK CITY

Professor Bessie Lee Gambrill of Columbia University and Susan Hooker, Barnard '16, arranged an Alfred reunion Saturday evening, January 9th for Mathilde Vessler '14, of Bennington, Vermont. All the Alfred people in or near New York City who could conveniently come, met at King's College and spent the evening in exchanging Alfred news and singing Alfred songs.

The following people were present: Miss Anna Wallace '14, Kivett Howard '12, Nellie Saunders, '08, Jesse H. Baxter '11, Coral Barney ex-'16, and Mrs. Barney. That Alfred truly lives in the hearts of its alumni was very manifest by the spirit and good time of the occasion. All those present unite in extending a vote of thanks to their kind hostesses.

FOOTLIGHT PLAY

"The Melting Pot" To Be Presented This Year

Israel Zangwill's "The Melting Pot" has been chosen by the play committee as the Footlight Club's 1915 production. The play is now in the hands of a committee which is busy assigning parts, the "try-outs" for which will begin soon after mid-years. "The Melting Pot" is an especially strong and high class drama, comparing favorably to the excellent standard that has been maintained by the Footlight Club in the past.

CHEMISTRY MEDAL

A medal will be awarded to that member of the Junior class who during his Sophomore and Junior years, shall have made the highest average in all his subjects. Applications for this medal shall be made to the Registrar before the end of the first semester of his Junior year.

The competition is open to those majoring in Chemistry and Ceramics.

AG FROSH TRIM JUNIORS AT BASKETBALL

Monday night January 11, the Ag Freshmen and Juniors met in the first athletic contest of the season and it proved to be a good victory for the Frosh. The teams were quite evenly matched but the Frosh forwards excelled in the shooting line. Hughes was the best shot, making the greatest percentage of baskets from the same number of chances.

The game started with a rush, showing that it was going to be a fast one. The centers were about evenly matched as to jump, giving both sides an even chance to work signals. The Frosh seemed to work theirs to the best advantage though. Sidlizeck started at left guard for the Freshmen, but was displaced by Wright who finished the first half. The score at the end of the first half was 10-8 in favor of the Freshmen.

Boyes took Wright's place at guard in the second half and finished the game. The second half was faster than the first half, the Juniors nearly tying the score at one time. The Frosh soon took the lead again and held it to the end. The final score was 19-9. The Freshmen have a good team, although they average rather low in weight, and we shall look for some more good games this season.

Line up:

Freshmen		Juniors	
Left Forward			
Conderman (Capt.)		Schondorff	
Right Forward			
Hughes	Saunders, Bloodgood		
Center			
Decker	Griffin (Capt.)		
Left Guard			
Sidlizeck, Wright, Boyes			
Prejsche, Sheridan			
Right Guard			
Kull		Booth	
Referee, Ted Saunders; time-keeper, Platt; official score keeper, Brandes.			

PEACE CONTEST PRELIMINARIES--EIGHT TRY OUT

As a result of the preliminaries to the Dr. Thomas Peace Contest last Wednesday, five Sophomores and one Junior will participate in the final contest February 9. This year is the first time that more than the maximum number of six contestants have presented papers and particular interest is attached to the finals. Those who will take part in the contest on Feb. 9, are: Sophomores — Erling Ayars, Hubert Bliss, Lena Fink; Edna Jackson, William Stevens; Junior — Robert Green. Pres. Davis, Prof. Whitford, Prof. Binns, Prof. Tuttle and Prof. Porter acted as judges in the preliminaries.

THE HIKERS' CLUB ORGANIZES

When the warm, balmy days of Spring denude the pine clad hills of their snowy coverings and when the jingling sleighs are replaced by rumbling wheels we all have a touch of the Wanderlust. Some of us mope and pine, while others wiser than the rest draw on a pair of comfortable shoes and take to the road. Some are content with a stroll to the Station; some take a jaunt out into the country to a neighboring town; while to a few the broad confines of the State seem too narrow.

There are a number among us who belong to this latter class. These followers of Weston and Colonial Jack have through a number of more or less extended hikes whetted their appetite for the dusty road. The present weather, while limiting rambles to the icy paths to and from class allows the mind to roam at will and many are the dreams of great and lengthy hikes.

Last week a number of devotees of pedestrianism met and after due consideration of the pros and

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N. Y. S. A. FRESHMEN HOLD BOX SOCIAL

On last Wednesday evening, Dec. 13th, the Freshman class held a box social in the Ag building, which proved another big success for the class.

After removing their wraps, the members and guests made their way to the third floor. There games were played in which all indulged with great pleasure. Calling for mail at the post office exchanges in the big cities throughout the world attracted the attention of all until the "official" announcement of the auction was made.

Especially credit is due to Prof. Pontius who was the auctioneer. He succeeded in selling the very attractive looking boxes at fancy prices. Several jolly good fellows bid as high as \$2.00 for their boxes. At the close of the sale each young man after opening his box and finding the name of his partner, retired with her to the sewing room where cocoa was served to the happy box parties.

Mr. Boyes was the toastmaster of the evening. A few well chosen words were rendered by Pres. Wright. Treasurer Kull spoke on the success of the sale. He also mentioned that the Freshman class stood at the head of the school, financially. Prof. Pontius gave an interesting talk. Too much credit cannot be given chairman Conderman and his worthy committee for their labors.

All left at ten o'clock, saying that it was one of the best times they ever had. We wish to thank Miss Cheesman and Prof. Pontius for their personal assistance and Miss Wood for the use of the third floor.

He—"I love the true, the good, the beautiful, the——"

She—"Oh, George, this is so sudden."

N. Y. S. A.

John Allen, chapel begins at 9:35.

Bob Lawrence, you are right, roses have taste.

General, "What do you mean by a double shooter?"

Horace Griffiths has returned from a visit to New York City.

Harold Stout spent the week-end with his parents in Wellsville.

No, Kaiser, that's not thunder; its the rumble of the water wagon.

"Bob" Wright, "I haven't touched the picture since last night."

"General" Washington, "Who kissed Lillian's picture? I can see the lip marks on the glass."

Bob Wright, president of '17, we have learned, has recently become an uncle. Congratulations Bob.

Ag Freshmen are invincible basketball players, think the Juniors. The Seniors are next to think.

The Misses Squires, Cheeseman and Tuttle of the N. Y. S. A. faculty spent the week-end at their respective homes.

Claude Burdick, formerly first assistant engineer of the steamer "Harvester" has entered the short course in the Ag School.

Hazel Baker, Lenora Blowers, Lavern Kenyon and Leland Dennis spent the week-end at the home of Miss Baker.

"Father—What is a trade journal?"

"The baseball columns of any newspaper during the winter months."

C. L. M. C. A.

It was very encouraging to note the large number of fellows who were present at C. L. M. C. A. last Sunday evening. This speaks very well for this organization. Each Sunday brings out a new man or two. It was decided that the members accept Prof. Bennehoff's offer of an illustrated lecture in the near future.

COUNTRY LIFE CLUB

A most interesting and instructive program was rendered at the regular meeting of the Country Life Club in Ag Hall, Thursday, Jan. 14. The program was as follows:

A debate on the question: Resolved, "That the Athletic Associations of the Ag School and College, should be united as one body."

Affirmative

Leighton Boyes '17
Gardner Oesher '16

Negative

Luther B. Plumer '15
Harry Jimerson '16

Music

Laura M. Keegan

Gleanings

John H. Sherman

The time for the debate was not limited and no decision was rendered. The debate was arranged for the purpose of putting both sides of the coming football question clearly before the student body. Very few members realized that the question had so many points or arguments either for or against it. Both the affirmative and negative are to be congratulated. A program with a number of this kind is one that makes us think. There is much good in amusement; but do we not come to N. Y. S. A. to learn to use our brains and think for ourselves? A thing like this will make us use our reasoning powers to balance one argument with another and see for ourselves just what there is in each one. A debate is one of the best ways to stimulate this. Let's have more of them.

The piano solo by Miss Keegan showed what one who has studied music can do. That it was enjoyed was shown by the fact that she responded to an encore.

Mr. Sherman's "Gleanings" were excellent, and they were read so clearly and distinctly that they were heard in all parts of the room.

Prof. DuBois, in his report as critic, said that the debate was the best he had ever heard at N. Y. S. A.

A motion to open the meetings

in the future with Devotions, was passed.

A committee consisting of a faculty representative from the Domestic Science Department and a boy and girl from each class was appointed by the president to confer with Prof. DuBois concerning the Country Life Club Fair.

N. Y. S. A. CHAPEL

On Tuesday during chapel, Miss Langworthy, the Ag School librarian, gave a short talk on the arrangement of the books in libraries and how these books may be found by use of the catalogue.

Miss Langworthy explained the different classes in which the different volumes are placed and the method of placing information concerning the author, subject matter and title of each book on the index card. Thus the reader is enabled to find either the subject or the author of book desired by referring to the catalogue. The call number indicates the place of the book on its shelf.

Miss Langworthy also explained the method of classification of bulletins on Agricultural subjects which was greatly appreciated by the students.

Prof. DuBois introduced his talk on Agricultural statistics, last Thursday by saying, "It is better not to know so many things than to know so many things not so."

The following statistics are so: 6,000 men report to the government from different parts of the country the conditions of that section. The census is another great source of information.

Yield of crops—

The year 1866 was an era of high prices, production per capita being very low. This induced many to enter the occupation of farming and areas in the west were offered free, by the government, to any who would agree to work them for five years. The average yield per acre in 1866 was \$14. In 1870 the production per capita increased and prices went down, the average yield per acre being \$17. The average yield for 1914 was \$14.

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creased, a man who received \$1 for farm products in the 90's would receive \$1.70 for the same products today.

As the high prices following the civil war called the people to the farms, land being cheap, so ought today's high prices call people to the farms. In a survey of 10 states, 3 cotton, 3 corn, 2 arid and 2 general farming, the labor income was about hired man's wages. In the same states it cost the farmer and family \$595 per year to live. \$421 of this was supplied by the farm and only \$172 worth had to be bought. The labor income was \$350 and the \$421 worth produced on the farm for the farmers own use, the farm was not given credit for. Thus as may be easily seen the total income is much more than it really seems.

In comparing city and farm life one must consider the yield of the farm toward the living. The farm produces 62 per cent of the farmer's needs for a livelihood.

PLEASANT SLEIGH RIDE TO HORNELL

Saturday evening, eight members of the Ag Freshman class and their lady friends enjoyed a very delightful sleigh ride to Hornell. They left Alfred a few minutes after six o'clock and spent the time between Alfred and Hornell in singing school songs and telling stories. After arriving at Hornell all attended the movies at the Shattuck. All enjoyed a good hearty supper after the movies and also spent some time at the Sugar Bowl. Coming home everyone sang till they were hoarse. The

party was very ably chaperoned by Miss Rich of the Academy faculty. The evening and its pleasures will long be remembered by all as the best ride of the year.

NEW FANGLED FARMNIG

There will soon be no old-fashioned farms left. "The time is past," says a bulletin from the Middle West, "when a farmer drank his fill from 'The old oaken bucket that hung in the well,' when his bath-tub consisted of an abandoned wash-boiler placed on the floor of the summer kitchen, when on wash days the needed soft water was taken from a barrel that stood at the corner of the front porch." Now the farmer is as up-to-date as the city man. He knows how many gallons of water are required to sprinkle his yard or to water his stock; how to prevent contamination of spring and well water; how to filter cistern water. He even knows, or can find out, the capacity of a windmill. On some farms compressed air is now used instead of a pump to raise water from deep wells. Altogether the up-to-date farm can evidently give the ordinary Wall Street office a pointer or two in the matter of scientific management.--Ex.

GERMAN CLUB

The German Club met last Wednesday evening at the home of Zulieka Richardson '17, on Reynolds Street, Elmer Hunting '16, assisting in the entertaining. Aaron MacCoon '15, read a paper on "German Idealism," after which German games were played and delicious refreshments served.

Dr. Titsworth was unable to meet with the Club on this occasion, on account of the change in the date from Thursday to Wednesday evening. With this meeting, the first semester's work of the Club was concluded, and its members feel that their time has not been wasted; on the contrary the results of the semester's work speak very well for the efficiency of the organization as a supplementary educational feature.

Y. M. C. A.

At the meeting Sunday evening the Y. M. C. A. considered the project of taking up the study of missions. A course such as this under the supervision of a member of the faculty would prove not only interesting but instructive to the students. A college education is not complete without a study of existing conditions in foreign fields.

An effort is being made to secure college credit for this work. Should this be brought about, it is hoped that every student will avail himself of the opportunity thus offered.

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Prof.—What is steam?

Short Horn—Wat'er crazy with
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To save the student body the trouble of electing a new board of editors for the remainder of the year, or at least to render that possibility more remote, the editors have decided that there will be no issue of the **Fiat Lux** next week. That our motive has been purely altruistic will readily be appreciated when it is considered that we, realizing that the members of the student body will have no time to spend in the pursuit of frivolous literature during the "Sturm—und Drang—Zeit" of exam week, have taken this step as a means of removing at least one temptation to deflect from the straight and narrow path of stu-

dious application. We wish you all the best of luck in mid-years.

Fiat Lux disclaims any responsibility for sentiments expressed in the article appearing in this issue under the head of "The Menace of Militarism." We are publishing this to ascertain, if possible, the attitude of students here upon this question, which is perhaps the most important one facing the American people today and which, as such, merits the intelligent attention and study of College students who are soon to assume their civic responsibilities. We shall be glad, therefore, to receive articles from any student or alumnus setting forth his or her views in regard to this vital problem so intimately concerned with our national life.

CHOOSING VERSUS DRIFTING INTO A VOCATION

Vocational Chat No. 2

The chief individual as well as social advantage of the great specialization of labor in satisfying human wants in modern society is derived from the fact that by such a division each man may do that sort of work for which his aptitudes and training best fit him. This means not only that each man may work at that particular kind of work where his production of material goods will be greatest for the next ten or fifteen years merely but where he will be best able to keep on producing not only material things to satisfy our physical wants but also other things—less objective, perhaps, but none the less real—to satisfy his and our intellectual, social, moral and spiritual wants. In order to do this, each man must find his life work in some line of activity where his particular capacities and temperament will meet the peculiar demands of that work in such a way that his life work shall not be a drudgery from which he struggles to secure merely a physical existence.

Whence come our "unemployed" and "unemployables"? Not from those men and women who have chosen as a life work a line of activity which not only means high production but a self-expression. Not from those men

and women whose life work means continual self-development, growth and realization, as well as increased capacity to produce. Not from these, but from those who through force of circumstance or through ignorance of other opportunities have got into lines of work where their "cost of production" in terms of human energy, happiness, recreation and growth is so much greater than that of the other men that in the natural process of industrial and social selection they are weeded out. It is the law of social as well as individual life and progress.

It is not probable that many college-bred men and women are in the "unemployed" class, but some of them are known to be and altogether too many more are in the class of mediocrity. As industrial and social selection becomes more exacting they are more and more liable to fall out because they are using abilities suited to produce certain things—be they of material or spiritual value—in laboriously and uneconomically producing other things. These are not theories but facts brought to light by recent investigations.

But why all this mediocrity due to "misfitting" amongst college graduates? Are not the colleges training social and industrial "leaders"?

It is largely because our specialization of labor is becoming so complex that it is defeating its own purposes. There are more than 1200 different vocations in this country. And the number is constantly growing. A faculty committee of Leland Stanford, Jr. University, after a study of conditions in eighty-one colleges and universities in this country, in a recent report to the Academic Council, made the following statements: "...with the best intentions in the world, the uninstructed individual cannot tell whether he is entering a kind of work that is congenial or not, and he cannot use his years of education to get the kind of preparation that will be most useful to him, unless someone supplies him with reliable information in regard to the requirements of the different vocations open to him..... The high degree of complexity which

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The Vocational Bureau of the Twentieth Century Club is attempting to make some part of these facts, at least, accessible to Alfred students. We do not claim to have made much of a start on collecting these facts, but we have some of them and have lines out for more. If we can not give the facts we can perhaps put you on the trail of them. This applies not only to undergraduates who have yet to choose an occupation, but to graduates who for any reason want to change vocations.

Signed,

FORD S. CLARKE,
J. NELSON NORWOOD,
PAUL E. TITSWORTH.

WE PROTEST!

Reporter E. L. Burdick of the Alfred Sun, is credited with the following effusion:

"On Tuesday the students print a little pamphlet 'Fiat Lux'—'Let There Be Light'—so on Wednesday Mr. Crumb has the 'Sun' come out!"

CAMPUS

Bernice McCleave '15, is confined to her rooms at the Brick, suffering from an attack of mumps.

Ethel Smith '18, entertained a number of students at a party at her home on West University street last Saturday evening.

Dwight Tefft '14, has accepted a position with the Los Angeles Wall Tile Company and will leave shortly to assume his new duties in California. Fiat Lux extends congratulations to Mr. Tefft.

The American Ceramic Society will meet during the second week in February at the hotel Statler in Detroit. Several of the members of the Ceramic faculty and others are planning to attend.

We are publishing the Honor System on another page in compliance with the rule which requires that it appear in the issue previous to examination week. Those who are not familiar with it should read it carefully.

Leon B. Bassett '16, who has been confined to his home since the holidays as a result of a coasting accident in which he received a severe injury, spraining and tearing the ligaments of his left ankle, is able to attend classes again.

Y. W. C. A.

The Sunday evening prayer meeting was led by Eva Williams and Helen Gardiner. The topic: "Spiritual Power" was well treated and interestingly discussed.

Next week, on account of mid-years, only a fifteen minute prayer meeting will be held from 7:15 to 7:30.

THE HONOR SYSTEM

Alfred University

Constitution

ARTICLE I

The Student Body of the College of Liberal Arts and the New York State School of Ceramics at Alfred University create an Honor System under which each student by his attendance pledges himself to be just; to be fair; to be honorable in all matters relative to or pertaining to scholarship in this University.

ARTICLE II

Section I. The members of the Student Senate shall be a committee to represent the Student Body and deal with all cases involving violation of the Honor System.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The committee shall have power to summon the accused person and witnesses and conduct a formal investigation. In case of conviction, recommendations shall be made to the convicted of his separation from college and, if such separation is not made, the committee shall then make to the Faculty for consideration the same recommendation with a brief resume of the evidence in the case.

Section 2. The committee may at any time summon a mass meeting for instruction or to support their action in any disputed question, or to report the name and case of any extreme offender.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The trial of the accused shall be conducted as follows: Witnesses against the accused shall be examined first and their testimony taken in full. The accused shall be called separately and allowed to make his statement, presenting his defense. All witnesses and the accused may be questioned by members of the committee. A decision shall be made, rendered according to the evidence.

Section 2. Six (6) out of seven (7) votes shall be necessary for conviction.

Section 3. All evidence possible shall be procured in every case and in no event shall a man be tried the second time for the same offence, except in the light of new and important evidence.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. Each student must, in order, to make his or her examination or test valid, sign the following pledge: "I pledge my honor that I have neither given nor received aid in this examination."

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The Student Senate shall keep and preserve a record of all cases acted upon. In no case shall a member of the Student Senate make mention publicly or privately of any case brought before the committee except through action of the committee as a body.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. Every student is honor bound to aid in enforcing this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of those present at a mass meeting, notice of which must be given at least one week previous.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. The committee shall make provision for interpreting the Honor System to the members of the Freshmen Class within three weeks after the opening of each school year.

Section 2. Copies of this Constitution shall be posted in recitation rooms, on College bulletin boards, and in the Library.

Section 3. The Constitution shall be published in the Fiat Lux three (3) times each year—the first number of the first Semester, the last number before the final examinations of the first Semester and the last number before the final examinations of the second Semester.

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THE MENACE OF MILITARISM

A Word from the Student-body of
Columbia to the Student-bodies
of Other American Universities
and Colleges

A public meeting of the students of Columbia University was held Thursday, December 17, 1914, to learn the undergraduate attitude toward increased armament for America, and to express disapproval of the propaganda for militarism which has been foisted upon the American public by vicious and insidious war-scares in the popular press. Five hundred students attended, intense spirit was displayed, and the sanction given the four speakers was complete and unanimous. It is believed that a larger hall could have been filled with equal success, and that, for the purposes of anti-militarist agitation and the advocacy of a sane policy of limited armaments, definite organization will be justified in this university. It is also believed that similar spirit exists in our sister universities and may be waiting only for the opportunity of expression. For that reason the present report of the anti-militarist activity at Columbia has been undertaken, and is submitted by a committee of students chosen at the mass meeting.

The Resolution

"Resolved. That we, the students of Columbia University, in mass meeting assembled, hereby go on record before Congress and the people of the United States, as opposed to militarism in general and an increase in our army and navy in particular." This resolution was offered by Mr. Wayne Wellman and seconded by Mr. Paul Douglas, and was carried without a dissenting vote. Another meeting will be held in January, at which it is expected that the movement will find a sound financial basis. Propaganda in sister institutions is confidently awaited by the committee.

The Speeches

Mrs. Charlotte Perrins Gilman, the noted feminist author,

in her remarks said: "The theory of *peace through armaments* has been exploded once for all by the present European situation. The one sure and definite hope of permanent peace is the extension of the federal principle into international relations. A body of federated nations is not a distant Utopia, but the one pressing need today, and the only thing which will maintain the integrity of the smaller nations."

"I have been reading in the newspapers that our army was some thousands short of its war footing," said Professor George W. Kirchwey, former Dean of the Law School. "Why should America now be required to go on a war footing? There has never been a time when there has been less need of preparation for war. The United States has not an enemy on the face of the earth.

"Defence, defence they cry! But every army that ever existed has been for defence. Remember that the *militarists play with fire*. The thing is to be stopped here and now. When they say we must bring our military equipment up to efficiency, it means that we enter on the roads that lead to war. We should remain a great power only until the world makes up its mind to put an end to American militarism."

"The next time anyone tells you that a cannon is made to keep peace, you tell him that a cannon is made to kill men." This was the observation of Mr. Leon Fraser. "The agitator's argument that our security lies in being stronger than any other country, will hold equally true for every country beside us. The creation of 'national security leagues' in this country will mean the creation of 'national security leagues' in Japan. If today all had four guns and tomorrow eight, we would be relatively in the same position, but the increased burden would lead eventually to bankruptcy or an explosion."

Dr. Carlton Hayes, Professor of Modern History, said: "Western Europe has managed to keep peace for forty-three years, although gradually increasing its armaments each year. The bur-

den of militarism became unbearable and the present war followed. After the outbreak of the war I had one comfortable feeling when I read that all nations insisted that this was The Last War. And yet in December, 1914, just three months later, we are told that the great lesson for us is that we in America must embark on a sea of militarism. *Let us be rational*. Who is going to attack us? There is bound to be peace in the United States unless we deliberately give offence. There is no need for a defensive armament; there is only need for armament if we want to provoke a war.

"One of the great questions for the coming generation is going to be this question of Militarism, and it is the duty of every student in our colleges and universities to make his decision and declare where he stands. If you go in for militarism don't be satisfied with mere sops--demand ten thousand dreadnoughts and innumerable submarines; but if you think this country can maintain peace without force of arms, *cast your lot with us*."

SOIL EROSION IN THE SOUTH.

Large Areas Are Lost to Agriculture
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The following statement regarding soil erosion in the south is taken from the last annual report of the bureau of soils of the United States department of agriculture:

In a study of soil erosion in the south it has been found that large areas are lost to agriculture annually through erosion. In some states vast areas, amounting to as much as 50 per cent of the arable land of these sections, have been abandoned. The character of the erosion varies with the type of soil. Usually on the heavy clay soils "sheet" or surface erosion is found. With increasing proportion of sand in the soil the erosion changes to the "shoestring" type, then to the gully type, with rounded edges, and finally to the gullies with caving edges.

All methods for prevention and control are based either on increasing the capacity for absorbing the water as it falls or on decreasing the velocity of the run-off. A new method in use in one locality is the construction of what are known as "christophers," the distinctive feature of this plan lying in the manner of disposing of storm waters. Across an incipient gully is built a dam, through which is passed a sewer pipe connected with an upright pipe on the upper side of the dam. Water fills the valley until it reaches the top of the upright pipe and then flows down this pipe into the next field. The water left standing below the mouth of the upright pipe is gradually removed by a tile drain.

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The Department of Philosophy and Education will offer "High School Administration," a two hour subject under Prof. Clarke, and "Applied Psychology" a two hour course under Mr. Willson as new departmental courses. Also this department starts the coming semester "Educational Psychol-

ogy," a two hour course offered every other year.

Prof. Norwood offers a three hour course in Corporations as part two of the course in Economics, and International Law, two hours, will follow the work of American Politics of the first semester.

Prof. Waldo A. Titsworth will give a class in "Slide Rule" which will count one-half hour.

In the Language Department "French Pronunciation" and "German 4b" covering nineteenth century poetry of Germany, to take the place of "German 4a" are available. These are one and two hour courses respectively and Prof. Paul E. Titsworth will be in

charge of both.

Prof. Katherine Porter has outlined a course in "American Literature" and also announces that the course in "Short-story Writing" will be open to new members during the second semester.

The Theological Seminary Department has prepared three subjects open to Juniors and Seniors which will be very beneficial for college students. Prof. W. C. Whitford will give a two hour course in "Origin and Religious Teachings of the Old Testament Books;" also this department offers two three hour courses: "Christian Faith for Modernly Educated Young Men and Women" and "The Philosophy of Religion."

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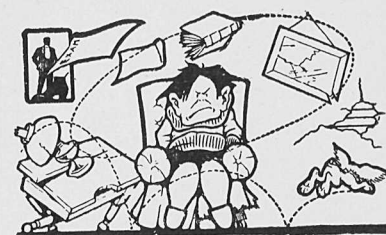
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Seed Potato Importations.

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A very interesting and enjoyable meeting of the New York State Ceramic Society was held at the K. K. K. House, Wednesday evening, when the members of the Society were the guests of Raymond M. Howe and M. Grover Babcock. The paper for the evening, "Fluxes and Fusions" was presented by Mr. Babcock. Following this, was a general discussion of the subject.

After light refreshments had been served the Society adjourned until January 28, when it will meet at the home of Director Charles F. Binns.

I. Andrew Kruson '14, of Toronto, Ont., an associate member of the Society, was present at this time.

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An impromptu program comprised the evening fun feat—each number being appropriate for the occasion. Vocal solos were rendered by the Misses Mildred and Mary Saunders, piano solo by Mildred Place and readings by Miss Lucia Weed. Thereafter the various groups appeared in a typifying stunt, the piece-speaking of the Frosh babies being especially pleasing.

Light refreshments closed the evening's entertainment.

Mary Potter '18, Alice Baker '18, and Wilhemina Jackson '18, were voted into active membership of the lyceum.

ALFRIEDIAN

At the regular meeting of the Alfriedian lyceum Saturday evening, the following program was presented:

Devotions	Martha Cobb
Paper	Olive Thomas
Music	Celia Cottrell
Leaves of the XXth Century	

Mildred Taber

On account of midyears, there will be no meeting of the lyceum next Saturday evening.

ASSEMBLY ADDRESS

Professor Waldo A. Titsworth of the department of Physics and Chemistry delivered a most interesting and instructive address at the Assembly last Wednesday. Prof. Titsworth chose as his topic "Wireless Telegraphy," and, adapting his terminology to the comprehension of the un-technical mind, he proceeded to explain the theory of the wave-motion of the ether and the laws by which it accomplishes its effect.

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THE HIKERS' CLUB

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cons of the situation formed the Alfred University Hikers' Club. A constitution embracing the needs of the organization has been drawn up and adopted and the necessary officers are already performing their duties.

Plans are under way for a number of hikes which will take place as soon as the weatherman sees fit to donate to the Club the necessary climatic conditions. There will probably be several sixty or seventy mile hikes which will occupy two or three days. See New York first, then the whole United States," is one of the club's mottos.

To be a member of this Club one must cover twenty-five miles of road in the space of one day. A man who counts the miles and likens them to a task has in him no true hiker's spirit.

Rixford, Clausen, Sutton, Kruson and Kenyon, all members of the class of '17, and Babcock of the Academy are full fledged members, while Davis, Beltz and Perkins, also '17'ers are preparatory members anxiously awaiting fair weather to work off their twenty-five mile entrance hike. There are, no doubt, others who will be interested in this new club and who will participate in the first hike this Spring.

M. E. K.

Mid Year Examinations

JANUARY 20—26

Wednesday, January 20

8:00—10:00

M. W. F. 8 o'clock classes.

11:00—1:00

M. T. W. Th. F. 4 o'clock classes.

3:00—5:00

M. W. F. 12 o'clock classes.

Thursday, January 21

8:00—10:00

T. Th. 8 o'clock classes.

11:00—1:00

T. Th. 3 o'clock classes.

3:00—5:00

M. W. F. 9 o'clock classes.

Friday, January 22

8:00—10:00

T. Th. 9 o'clock classes.

11:00—1:00

M. W. F. 3 o'clock classes.

3:00—5:00

M. F. 10 o'clock classes.

Monday, January 25

8:00—10:00

T. Th. 2 o'clock classes.

11:00—1:00

T. Th. 10 o'clock classes.

3:00—5:00

T. Th. 12 o'clock classes.

Tuesday, January 26

8:00—10:00

M. W. F. 11 o'clock classes.

11:00—1:00

T. Th. 11 o'clock classes.

3:00—5:00

M. W. F. 2 o'clock classes.

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