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ALFRED, N. Y., TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1915

NO. 20

FINALS OF PEACE CONTEST

Erling Ayars '17, and Edna Jackson '17, Win Prizes-Ayars to go to State Contest

The finals of the Dr. Thomas World Peace Prize Contest were held last Thursday evening before a large audience in the Assembly room at Kenyon Memorial Hall. Erling Ayars '17, was awarded the first prize of fifty dollars in gold and twenty-five dollars in addition to cover the expense of the trip to New York, where, in accordance with the rules governing the contest, he will take part in the State Intercollegiate Contest, held under the auspices of the American Peace Society. The subject of Mr. Ayars' oration, which appears elsewhere in this issue, was "Universal Peace." Edna Jackson '17, with an oration or "The Present Prospects of World Peace," took second place, winning a prize of twenty-five dollars in gold. William Stevens '17. received honorable mention. The title of Mr. Stevens' oration, which was the most highly polished of any given in the contest, was "World Peace." Mr. Stevens showed remarkable oratorical ability. The other contestants, all of whom showed a high degree of ability, were. Hubert Bliss '17, whose oration "Demoracy and World Peace," was by far the most logically developed and richest in content; Robert Greene '16, "The Peace Maker of the Nations;" Lena Fink '17, "Does the Present War Prove World Peace a Failure?" Miss Fink's oration showed exceptional literary ability.

The increasing interest taken in the contest this year was evidenced by the fact that the full quota of candidates presented orations, and by the general attitude of students and townspeople who turned out in force to hear them.

KANAKADEA NEWS

The 1916 Kanakadea is in the hands of the printers, the Fuller-Davis Corporation of Belmont, and went to press yesterday. It is expected that the printing will be completed in fifteen days and will then be delivered to the binders where it will take another fifteen days. Advance information announces that new features have been included which will make the year book of the present Junior class superior to any Kanakadea yet issued. Particular credit is due the Junior class who in the face of a very small class and especially adverse conditions, have raised the standard of the college year book which has been for the past several years on a par with those of much larger colleges.

PRES. DAVIS ON TRIP

Pres. Davis left Monday evening for New York where he is in attendance at a committee meeting appointed under the auspices of the Home Mission Council. This committee which consists of thirteen members, will develop and promote a plan for statewide investigation of rural religious conditions. Wednesday he goes to Albamy where he will appear before the Ways and Means Committee in the interests of the establishment of a Demonstration Building in connection with the local Agricultural School. remainder of the week he will attend the National Convention of Religious Education Association which will be held in Buffalo, March 3-7. Dean Arthur E. Main of the Theological Seminary will also be present at this convention.

President Davis presided as chairman, and Miss Lucia Weed of Alfred, Mr. B. L. Eggleston of Andover, and Professor J. Nelson Norwood of Alfred, acted as judges.

ESMERALDA

Second Annual Ag School Play, Firemens Hall, Wednesday Evening 8:15

Wednesday evening, March 3, at Firemens Hall, will occur the second annual Ag School play. It will be presented by a cast from the Class of 1916, who under the direction of Miss Madelia H. Tuttle have been working faithfully since January 15th. The Ag School play last year was conceded to be one of the best amateur plays ever given in Alfred, and the cast this year have been working hard and will try and keep up to the standard set by last year's class.

Esmeralda, the play chosen, is one which deals with the experiences of a North Carolina family who seem to come into great wealth through the discovering of an iron ore drift on their farm. The mother, the domineering character, forces them to leave their old home and move to Paris. Misfortune overtakes them in that the ore gives out, but they are not so bad off as might be expected, for a young neighbor comes to the rescue.

A first-class orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music for the evening. The seats will be reserved at Ellis' drug store up to 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. All seats for sale at hall after 7 p. m. Admission, 35c; reserved seats, 50c. Curtain will go up promptly at 8:15,

SENIOR GIRLS ENTERTAINED

Lucile Stevens '15, delightfully entertained six of her classmates Friday evening, Feb. 19, at a dinner party at her home on Terrace street. The guests included: Arlotta Bass, Margaret Merrill, Bess Bacon, Vida Kerr, Mabel Michler and Nathalie Wanzer.

Fiat Lux ads pay.

ASSEMBLY

Mr. G. M. Wilson delivered the assembly address Wednesday morning, taking for his subject, "The Problem of the Feeble Minded." Mr. Wilson discussed the various mental afflictions that are being more scientifically dealt with by present day investigation, but which is as yet practically in its elementary stages. He appealed for a more universal recognition of the seriousness of the problem and greater co-operation in the work that has been inaugurated.

The address Feb. 17, was given by Prof. W. C. Whitford who spoke on the "Centennial of Peace Between Great Britian and United States." It was the exact date one hundred years ago that the treaty of Ghent ending the war of 1812 and establishing peace between the two chief English speaking people of the world was signed. Prof. Whitford traced the historical treaties and arbitrations which have been negotiated by these two countries since that time and which demonstrate that delicate situationss can be handled by diplomatic methods.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday

9:30 A. M. Chapel

8:00 P. M. Faculty meeting

Wednesday

10:00 A. M. Assembly

7:30 P. M. Library Open

8:15 P. M. Ag Junior Play

Thursday

9:30 A. M. N. Y. S. A. Chapel

8:00 P. M. Ceramic Society

8:00 P. M. German Club

8:00 P. M. Country Life Club Friday

9:30 A. M. Chapel Ag School Saturday

8:00 P. M. Lyceums

Sunday

7:15 P. M. Y. W. C. A.

7:15 P. M. Y. M. C. A.

7:30 P. M. C. L. M. C. A.

7:30 P. M. Y. W. C. A.

N. Y. S. A.

week.

Annual Ag School Junior play Wednesday evening.

Leland Dennis spent the weekend at his home in Jasper.

Don't forget the Junior play, "Esmeralda," Wednesday evening, March 3d.

Everybody turn out and help the Juniors along. Help to make the play a success.

Almond Thayer spent the weekend with Halsey Merriam at the home of the latter in Scio.

The classes in butter and cheese commenced their first work in cheesemaking on Monday.

Charles Banks and Miss Edna Bonham, both of the class of 1913 N. Y. S. A. were united in marriage at Syracuse on Thursday, Feb. 11h.

John Allen '15, was in Elmira on Tuesday of last week considering the acceptance of a position offered him by a large Greenhouse Co. in that city.

N. Y. S. A. COMMENCEMENT

Farmers' Week comes next classes and exercises of Commencement week.

> Commencement exercises will be held on Thursday, March 25th, at two o'clock. Classes for Seniors including those who expect to graduate in June, will close Tuesday evening, March 23d. Classes for underclassmen will close March 25th at one o'clock. There will be no classes Friday March 26th.

COUNTRY LIFE CLUB

Although the Thursday evening program was somewhat short, it was very interesting and well presented. After the singing of When Prexy Calls the Cows Home from Pasture," the following program was very pleasingly rendered:

Devotions Mr. Willey Reading Mr. Trescott Gleanings Mr. Kull Leland Dennis Poem Piano Solo Miss Maxwell

Mr. Trescott's reading was very interesting, as was the poem read by Mr. Dennis. The fact that Miss Maxwell responded to an encore is enough to show the Director Wright has posted the character of her playing. At the following notice concerning the business meeting, which followed,

the president informed the Club that the Country Life Club had been requested to take charge of Farmers' Week. It was decided that the president appoint committees for registration, information; etc.

In her report as critic, Miss A. Wood said that little memory gems such as the one, with which Mr. Trescott introduced his reading, were very good things to have in one's memory. She also told the members that devotions were liable to become perfunctory unless one is very careful and earnestly thinks about them.

After the reading of the minutes the meeting was adjourned.

CHAPEL TALKS

The assembly Tuesday morning, Feb. 23, was lead by Prof. Place. The sub!ect of his talk was "Knots and Hitches." claimed to be talking out of his legitimate sphere, but to those who had the pleasure of witnessing his demonstrations, he appeared to be very well acquainted with his subject. He talked as he worked, giving the use to which knot or hitch is of value. His demonstrations were of value to everyone who expects to become a farmer, nearly all of the different knots being of value in the different purposes to which ropes are put on the farm.

He has organized a class which meets Wednesday afternoon to learn the art of knot tying and rope splicing. This class is of practical value to all Ag students and should be made the most of by those who have Wednesday afternoon free.

President Davis had charge of the Ag chapel Thursday morning, Feb. 25th. His talk was of the "Problem of the Condition of the Rural Church." He is to be a member of a committee which will meet in New York this week to discuss this important problem. He talked at some length upon the advisability of uniting these rural churches which at present have such a small congregation of their own that it is impossible to keep up the interest and to support a pastor.

He impressed upon the students their duty in this matter



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communities. It is to these educated young people with new ideas and ambition that the rural communities are going to look to for the solving of such problems. Ex. His talk was instructive and enjoyed by all, and he was loudly applauded at the closing of his speech. President Davis is always welcome at N Y. S. A.

"OXFORD PLAN" FOR HOBART

The rapid growth of Hobart within the last few years has necessitated some very radical changes. President Powell wishes to inaugurate the so-called Oxford plan, which provides for closer co-operation between the students, the faculty and the trustees, and a better system of studies. All students will take take practically the same subjects for two years after which they will specialize in separate colleges, which are all, however, under the general direction of the same president and trustees. This plan will also develope within the whole corporation intercollegiate rivalry in athletics, debating, etc. The addition of a weman's department at Hobart is the first application of this system which has been undertaken as yet. -RochesterCampus.

WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES

"Hear what happened to Jones?

"What?"

"Ate some bird seed by mistake at breakfast, and then went to sleep in class with his head under his arm."—Yale Record.

upon returning to their home Were the old poets here today,

We'd see some funny scenes; With Burns and Pope extolling

And Shelly boosting beans.-

She studied hard in college To gain her M. A. when She soon applied her knowledge To win her M. A. N.—Wittenberger.

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE STUDENT BODY PUBLICATION OF ALFRED UNIVERSITY

ARTICLE I

NAME AND BOARD

Sec. 1. This publication shall be issued in the form of a newspaper, once each week during the school year, under the name of "Fiat Lux," by a board of editors, consisting of one (1) Editor-in-Chief; six (6) Associate Editors, one of whom shall act as the Assistant Editor; two Alumni Editors; one Business Manager; and one Assistant Business Manager.

ARTICLE II ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. The Editor-in-Chief shall be elected by the retiring Board at the last regular board meeting of the school year.

Sec. 2. The Associate Editors shall be appointed by the Editor-in-Chief, giving the Ag and College student bodies respectively, an equal representation, namely, three (3) members from each.

Sec. 3. The Assistant Editor shall be chosen from the Associate Editors by the Editor-in-Chief.

Sec. 4. The Alumni Editors are to be elected by the Alumni of the N. Y. S. A. and College, at their own discretion.

Sec. 5. The Business Manager shall be elected, by ballot at a joint meeting of the Ag and College student bodies. meeting to be called by the Editor-in-Chief during the third week in March. One assistant manager shall be chosen from the Agricultural School and one from the College, these to be elected at separate meetings of their respective student bodies during the third week in March.

ARTICLE III ELIGIBILITY

Sec. 1. The Editor-in-Chief shall have served at least one year as a member of the board, or shall have shown efficiency as a Staff Reporter.

to serve as a member of the Board.

be "paid" subscribers to the "Fiat Lux" at the time of their appointment or election. Any member of the Board for the current year shall be considered as a paid sub-

Ses. 4. Any student of the University 18 eligible to apointment as a Staff Reporter. ARTICLE IV

POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Editor-in-Chief to appoint the Associate Editors. He shall call all the meetings of the Board, and be empowered to call a meeting of the student body, at any time that it may be deemed necessary. He shall assign the work for which the various depart-mental editors shall be held responsible.

The Editor-in-Chief and Assistant shall receive, select, and arrange the material for each edition of the "Fiat," and be responsible for all material pub-

At the first regular Board meeting the Editor-in-Chief shall appoint from the Board, a secretary of the Board.

At the last meeting of the Board the Editor-in-Chief shall appoint three members of the Board to act as an Auditing Committee.

Sec. 2. The Assistant Editor shall as sume the duties of the Editor-in-Chief in case of disability or absence of the Editorin-Chief.

Sec. 3. The Associate Editors shall be responsible to the Editor-in-Chief for the work of the respective departments to which they are assigned, and shall have the power of appointing staff reporters to collect material for the department.

Sec. 4. The Alumni Editors shall submit all news for the Alumni Department to Editor-in-Chief or Assistant. shall have no voice in regard to the conduct of the "Fiat."

The Business Manager shall be responsible for all funds received and disbursed for the "Fiat." It shall be his duty to keep correct accounts of all busines transacted for the Board and to deliver up these accounts together with all funds on hand belonging to the Fiat, to the Auditing Committee at the expiration of his

The Business Manager and Assistant shall be responsible for the printing and distribution of the copies of each edition; for the collecting of all subscriptions and securing new subscriptions. licit such advertising matter as they deem advisable.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Auditing Committee to receive the accounts and funds belonging to the "Fiat" from the retiring Business Manager. They shall audit the acounts and deliver the books and funds to the new Manager. If the Committee find that the cash receipts for the current year have exceeded the sum of the running expenses and the balance on hand at the beginning of the year, they shall deduct forty per cent of this excess and deliver two-thirds to the retiring Business Manage and one-third to the retiring Assistant Business Manager.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Sec retary of the Board to keep a record of all meetings of the Board and all business transacted at these meetings.

ARTICLE V

PROCEDURE

Sec. 1. There shall be a regular meet ing of the Board on the first Monday of each month.

Vacancies occurring in the Board at any time shall be filled by the agency or body which first choose the member whose place is vacant.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. This Constitution may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the Board, and a majority vote in ratification, of the members of the University student body.

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Read Prof. Clawson's article on the honor system.

An encouraging number of subscriptions has come in during the past week. Keep it up; we'll stick.

Let everyone turn out for the N. Y. S. A. Junior Play, Wednesday evening. It will be worth seeing.

Who will be manager of Fiat Lux next year? The election is scheduled for the third week in March. Think over the desirable men in N. Y. S. A. and College.

Wonder of wonders! The lyceum talk that has been in the air for the past two weeks is proving that it's something more than bluff. The Allies are off on a terrific course and the Oros are there again. It looks like the real thing this time, too.

didates participated in the Dr. they've got it, too! Thomas Peace contest for the first time in its history. It was also

the first time that the preliminaries have been anything more than a matter of form, and the eight who entered the tryouts are all to be congratulated upon their efforts. There is every indication that the students are beginning to regard the contest more seriously than they have in the past, and to look upon it as a privilege to enter; appreciating the value of the training, it necessitates, and of the degree of ability to which slaim may be made by the winners.

Another incentive to participation in this event lies in the fact that it determines who shall represent Alfred in the state intercollegiate contest. We hope that this interest will not prove spasmodic, and that next year will see as many as fifteen candidates in the preliminaries. Don't wait until your Senior year, and then regret that you failed to avail yourself of such an opportunity.

There can be no doubt of it; Spring is coming! It's been a long, hard pull, but on the whole we've enjoyed this winter, which has been remarkable for it's consistent severity. Nevertheless, we're all mighty glad to see signs of Spring. Not that it is any warmer; we can't point out any one element in the general constitution of the weather that indicates the advent of balmier days; it's just in the air. There's a certain indefinable, inexplicable but none the less convincingly real something about it that tells us we'll soon be visiting the "sugar bushes," and taking long hikes over the hills, and neglecting our studies, and generally manifesting that deliciously uncomfortable, irresistible and altogether peculiar-to-itself condition known as "spring-fever." For the encouragement of students, let it be known that this malady will not be confined to them alone; it has been known to invade even the sacred precincts of a faculty bosom. When you see the professors looking longingly out of the windows, sniffing the balmy air with quivering nostrils, and dismissing classes fifteen minutes be-This year the full quota of can- fore the hour is up, you'll know

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Y. M. C. A.

Prof. James Benehoff addressed the Association on the subject of Eugenics, Sunday evening. He brought three points to his audience: (1) Charity for those who are not as fortunate in heritage as you. (2) You can't help what you have inherited, but you can make your environment such that your weaknesses will not appear, and (3) you can by scientific management of your germ plasm make your faults disappear.

NO BARGAIN

The strap had been applied to a five-year-old unruly.

"Now, the next time I have to punish you," said the stern parent, "you will go to bed for a day in the bargain."

Whereupon the weeping unruly observed:

"Is that what you call a bargain?"—Detroit Times.

CRUEL JEST

Er—I see they are raising vegetables on the English golf courses. Sic-Well, they ought to have some fair greens.

ow!

Mildred-I think I'll have my beauty nap now.

Mehetabel-Well, take a long, long sleep.—Stanford Chaparral.

A HOLD-UP

Dull young man—I want something to hang my clothes on.

Bright young clerk—Yes, sir; suspenders, sir?—Cornell Widow.

PUZZLE

Where can a man buy a cap for his knee

Or a key for a lock of his hair? Can his eyes be called an academy Because there are pupils there?

In the crown of the head what gems

are set?
Who travels the bridge of his nose? Can he use when shingling the roof of his mouth

The nails on the ends of his toes?

What does he raise from a slip of his tongue? Who plays the drums of his ears?

And who can tell the cut and style Of the coat his stomach wears?

Can the crook of his elbow be sent to

jail?
And if so, what did he do?
ow does he sharpen his shoulder

I'll be hanged if I know, do you?
—"Kip."

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CAMPUS

Ina Withey '16, spent the weekend in Almond.

Don't forget the Ag Junior Play tomorrow night.

Junior Ag Play tomorrow evening. "Esmeralda."

C. C. Hopkins '17, spent the week-end in Almond.

Dr. Kent Phillips of Corning spent Sunday in town.

Annie Savage '18, was in Hornell for the week-end.

Hazel Parker '17, week-ended at her home in Wellsville.

Mabel Hood '17, spent the weekend at her home in Hornell.

L. M. Babcock '15 and M. H. Pfaff '15, were in Hornell Tuesday.

"Esmeralda" Wednesday evening, March 3, 1915, at Firemens Hall.

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

M. G. Babcock '15, and F. B. Bowman '17, were in Hornell Saturday.

Mabel Michler '15, was called home Thursday by the illness of her mother.

The German Club will meet Thursday evening at the home of Dr. W. W. Coon.

Miss Bernice McLease '15, spent the week-end in Hornell accompanied by Lena Fink '17.

Prof. C. F. Binns addressed the Mens' Club of St. John's Parish at Wellsville last evening. He gave an illustrated lecture on "Pottery."

Prof. F. S. Clarke has returned from a week in Cincinnati where he was in attendance at the Superintendents' session of the National Education Association.

The Brick girls gave a birthday party for Mrs. Middaugh, the matron, Saturday evening. The dining room was tastefully decorated and lighted by candles.

See the constitution and by-laws of the Fiat Lux, which appears elsewhere in this issue. Read the section dealing with the election of the business manager.

Y. W. C. A.

Sunday evening the Y. W. C. A. was led by Ruth Hunt and Phyllis Palmer. The topic, "Universal Prayer," was well treated and the great need of it was clearly brought out.

PECULIAR

- "Funny guy, Jones."
- "How's that?"
- "Didn't meet the prettiest girl in the world during vacation."
 - "Um."
- "Didn't go to a dance every night in the week."
 - "So?"
- "Didn't have a table in the cafe of the biggest hotel in the middle West on New Year's Eve."
 - "Um, um."
- "Didn't go to the opening night performance of the latest musical comedy."
 - "Yes?"
- "Didn't have so many party bids that he had to turn half of them down."
 - "Sasso?"
- "Didn't fall in love with his dad's new stenographer, didn't go to a single burlesque show, didn't put on a party with his highschool frat brothers, didn't get a promise for a two hundred per job next summer."
 - "Funny guy!"
- ''Yep, funny guy!''—Mick:gan Gargoyle.

UNIVERSAL PEACE

First Prize Oration Dr. Thomas World Peace Contest—Erling E. Ayars '17

Say what we will, preach and protest as we may, we are all warriors at heart. From the creation to the present, war has been the greatest factor of our growing civilization. The primative man had to fight, at first, in order to get food and clothing, and secure protection. Then he began to fight his fellow, in view of better hunting grounds, for the possession of women and children, and for prestige. Later a band of men, or tribe, fought another cribe in order to subject it to slavery and to take possession of its lands and women. With the organization of the tribe came the ideas of government and leadership. Naturally the best warrior in the band was chosen leader, and under his guidance the tribe became great fighters. They reduced weaker tribes to submission and annexed their territory. Thus nations came into being. When a nation stopped fighting, to catch its breath before going on again, certain problems presented themselves—problems of individual life, of community life, and of national life. Restriction had to be placed on the individual, the community, and the nation, which would tend to make life happier and more worth living for the people as a whole. When these nations went to war again, it was for the economic betterment of the people in general. Who will deny that this is progress? And was not war the cause of this development? Truly it has served a great purpose. Without war we could not have attained nearly so high a degree of civilization as we now enjoy.

But shall we always continue to devastate life and property as in the past, just because war has so aided in advancing our civilization? Do we at present practice Polygamy? Do we allow Slavery to exist in our land? Do we believe in Monarchies? These things have all had a great influence on our civilization, not quite so marked, perhaps, as that of war, but they have served a purpose, and new and higher ideals have

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taken their places. Shall not war, approval of her methods. Shall then, in its turn, be superceded by something higher and better? Our own Republic has, for the past decade, put forth great effort for the solution of this problem. All of the world's greatest statesmen and scholars have been formulating plans by which the goal of world peace may be reached. These experiments have been tried. The Hague Conference has done much to regulate the waging of war and has succeeded in arbitrating several minor grievances of the nation, but it has not secured peace. It has not even secured, for a neutral country, protection from the devastating armies of Belligerents.

We are at present watching with interest and apprehension, the greatest war of the ages. We have seen nation after nation step into it, until nearly all Europe is engaged in the bloodiest, most barbarious war ever waged. And what is the cause of it? Self centered ideals, desire to become "World Beaters" and "World Rulers." For the past forty years the cry of the German people has been, "Deutschland uber Alles." Their idealists have been at work building up industry and commerce, and perfecting the most nearly invincible military system vet conceived by man. Their commercial interests embraced more territory than those of any other nation of the globe, but they were of secondary importance, incomparison with their military system. Germany intended to prove to the world, in perhaps three short months, that mili-FORCE IS CHRISTIANITY. Do tarism is the greatest organizing we ever stop to think that the one the individual, it will be carried power, and most durable machine, thing which is not consistently to the community, the nation, and at work today. Up to the present practiced in public and private ultimately to the great world natime she has not proved this life, is Christianity? We lov: our tion. When the day dawns that theory, indeed, she has only suc-neighbor until he offends us. We finds "Good will toward men" ceeded in obtaining universal dis- believe the sermon on the Mount, the aim of our lives, then shall we

we, as a world nation continue to follow this Ideal, which has exploded so violently? Must we resort to tricks, practiced by barbarians, in settling our International family disputes, keeping our population within certain bounds and maintaining the unity of our people?

The study of economic forces has led us to the conclusion that war, Political and Industrial, is irreconciliable with commerce, law, and justice,—the forces so necessary to our growing civilization. War destroys commerce, and paralyzes all civil law and justice. But, even with this knowledge, nations plunge headlong into war, wasting precious lives, and countless millions of dollars, and uprooting every monument of honest human endeavor. I made the statement that we are all warriors at heart. It is a slow and tedious process to remodel the Ideals and Instincts of a people. It is said that a ancestors, many years before he is born. So it is with an entire ancestors were warriors, and we have warlike tendencies deeply embedded in our natures. Before we can realize the goal of world peace, we must find some agency to overrule this barbarism in our makeup.

There is one force, which if applied in the right direction, will stamp out this tendency, and render all war not only unnecessary, but impossible: THAT

only in so far as it does not inter- find, also, PEACE. Not Peace fere with our business. We practice God's precepts only so far as they call for no sacrifice on our We are only half Chris-We go about our work thinking only of ourselves, forgetful of the words of Christ, "Whosoever will save his life, shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it, for what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

The reason we do not mix our Christianity with our business dealings and International relations, is that the business standards, and the standards governing the dealing of nation with nation, which we have allowed to grow up, conflict sharply with Christ's teachings. If a man fails in business, or in life, his appeals for help fall on unheeding ears. We have no time to help him up, and see him start on his way. Rather, our selfishness causes us to take unfair advantage of the fallen one, trampling him deeper into the mire. Does this fact compliment us on our business principles? Were not Christianity worth mixing with our every day life, it certainly would not have survived nineteen centuries of opposition. It is the imperfections in our systems, which produce the violent reactions against the advance of civilization. The all wise God has given us Christian Ideals, toward which we may strive with ever increaschild's education begins with his ing strength and perfection. Our business, by which we live, our government, by which our nation generation, the world over. Our lives, must have these Ideals incorporated in them, else we fall short of our goal, and invite destruction.

"Peace on earth, good will toward men" was the message heralded at the time of Christ's birth. "Good will toward men" does not mean mere toleration of one's fellows. It signifies a desire to be of service to them, to help them up if they fall, and to share their burdens. This is the true Christian spirit, and as it develops in

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MORE ABOUT THE HONOR SYSTEM

The honor system in one form or another exists today in about 30 per cent of American colleges. While opposed by some in its workings and results, it is supported by a large majority of our educators as a system tending his presence than an honest citito wholesome self-government and as fostering high ideals. As nettled because a police officer a system it is usually spoken of in its connection with the examination period, but in its larger and broader interpretation it.applies to all phases of college and community life,

The first article of the honor system as adopted at Alfred places upon the student the obligation "to be honorable in all matters relative to or pertaining scholarship". To attain scholarship in any field one must cultivate scholarly habits. This implies a due sense of personal honor and responsibility. enduring honor can be won by him who disregards right principles of conduct or who believes in more than one standard of correct principles. Whoever attempts to live under a double standard of ethics and behavior, whether he be student, business man, or politician, his course will not lead to the highest achievement. Sooner or later the world, that unerring critic, will find him out and value him at his real worth and no more.

Applying the honor system to the limited field of the examination period only confines a large principle to too small a field. narrow and misleading. keeping with the high ideals of the college and consistent with personal honor there is no reason fer shame and chagrin. Only by why a student should be strictly registering in some effective

honest in an examination and as soon as this is over forget his obligations elsewhere on the campus. Nor should it matter so much whether the professor giving the examination remains in the room or not. It has been well said that no honest student would feel any more insult over zen of a community would be happened to be standing at the corner of the block. The presence of the instructor during an examination should no more be considered espionage than should the supervision of a public library be so considered with the librarian at his desk, or the superintendent of any industrial establishment who, like them, is only exercising the functions of the office for whose proper administration he is responsible.

In its last analysis any honor system must be judged by its effectiveness in preventing dishonorable practices alike in the class room and on the campus. With a KEEN SENSE OF PER-SONAL HONOR ever influencing conduct, no student would wilfully purloin a book from a public library; cut a page from a magazine; remove under cover a reference book or a dictionary especially prescribed for the use of a large number; or converse, study, read or write during the Wednesday morning Assembly period.

In the words of the editor of "Fiat Lux" in a recent issue "such conduct is unethical" and Athletic Association-"such parties should consider the Such an application would be rights of others." In the face of such practices as these by a comparatively small number, the whole body of students must suf-

manner their disapproval of such practices can the student body defend its own honor and the good name of the college.

Coming in daily contact with students of all our schools, it is a pleasure to work with and for this large company of young people, most of whom are practising the honor system to the best of their ability, but it is to be regretted that there are some who as yet do not seem to catch the spirit of progress, scholarship and highest ideals of honor. Is it too much to hope that they may realize their relation to the college community; that they are an integral part of it; that by the conduct of a few all suffer? "Do right yourself, respect your neighbors' rights, and have an influence over others for right,' is the keynote of any successful plan of self-government. He, whose conduct most fully conforms to this principle will find the least occasion to criticise the self-government system.

C. R. CLAWSON. Alfred, N. Y., Feb. 25, 1915.

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ALLEGHANIAN

On Saturday evening nearly a full house was called to order by President Green. After devotional exercises led by Mr. Barnard, Meredith Maxson was installed as the new secretary and the following interesting program dealing with the Panama-Pacific Exposition was presented:

The Panama Canal and Its Probable M. Elwood Kenyon Results Erling Ayars Vocal Solo New Orleans vs. San Francisco as Ex Horace Hall position City The Architecture of the Exposition Harold Nash Buildings Willard Sutton Flute Solo The Exposition, Its Purpose and Ex-Elmer Huntnig pected Results Following the business session in which it was voted that the Allies meet with the Alfriedians

Allies meet with the Alfriedians on the evening of March 13th, for a joint program, the new members were excused after giving their word to return at ten o'clock. At the stroke of the hour they were met at the door, blindfolded and made to pass through that mysterious ritual from which no one can escape and hope to become a loyal and active Alleghanian. After the new officers had fulfilled their obligations, the Alleghanians adjourned, stronger by six new, fullfledged members.

OROPHILIAN

At a meeting held Saturday evening an encouragingly large number of Orophilians assembled for the purpose of reorganizing the lyceum and pledging themselves anew to the work. It has been for sometime a recognized fact that the lyceum could not be successfully conducted under the old system; the need of a new basis was apparent, and it was with the object of outlining a new policy that should include such a basis that these faithful ones, animated by the old Oro spirit—

which can never change—were gathered together.

This purpose was realized beyond the wildest hopes of the most optomistic, and the organization affected on Saturday night represents a policy that cannot fail to call forth the best eforts of the newly awakened devotees.

Speeches were made by every member present, the meeting being opened by a splendid address by President Davis. As a result of President Davis' excellent diagnosis of the situation, constitutional amendments to meet the new needs of readjustment were proposed and will be veted on at the meeting next Saturday evening, when the committee in charge will present a draft of the suggested changes. Two candilates, Allen Janes '18, and George Crawford '18, were admitted to membership in the lyceum. Officers were nominated for the remainder of the year and voted on at a special meeting held Monday evening in the Y. M. C. A. room. Only those who paid their dues for the second semester before the election was held were permitted to vote or to run for office, ic. accordance with the new policy of the lyceum. Following are the results of the election:

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RESULTS OF ECONOMICS ESSAY CONTEST FOR 1914

Harvard Men Win

Chicago, Feb. 22-Harvard men have just been announced winners of two out of four prizes offered in the 1914 economic prize essay contestendowed by Messrs. Hart Schaffner & Marx of Chicago.

Donald Earl Dunbar '13, won one thousand dollars with his paper entitled "A Comparative Study of the Welsh and American Tinplate Industries."

Richard S. Meriam entered an essay on "The Webbs' Theory of Wages," and won three hundred dollars.

Other prizes were five hundred dollars to Albert H. Leake, Ontario, Canada, subject: "Agricultural Education;" and two hundred dollars to Niles Carpenter of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Carpenter's paper was entitled "A Comparison of the Financial Operations of the General Electric Company and the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company during the Panic of 1907 and the Period Preceeding.

The contest was the tenth of a series of annual competitions. Harvard is now tied with Oberlin in the standing for the ten years.

In that time Chicago U and Northwestern captured 5 prizes each; Cornell and Washington and Lee took 4 each; Oberlin and Harvard 3 each; University of Illinois 2, and Yale, Columbia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin took 1 each.

The committee in charge of the contests is composed of: Professor J. Laurence Laughlin, Chairman, University of Chicago; Professor J. B. Clark, Columbia University; Professor Henry C. Adams, University of Michigan; Professor Edwin F. Gay, Harvard University, and Horace White, Esq., of New York City.

SENIORS TO TAKE GRADU-ATE COURSES

At least six members of the class of 1915 are planning to take graduate work at the larger universities next year, and several others have signified their intention of pursuing post-graduate studies after teaching for a year or two. This will be the largest number of graduates in the recent history of the college who have gone on with advanced work upon finishing their courses here, and is an indication that this generation of students realize the need of specialization.

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