



THE PETER B. McLENNAN MEMORIAL

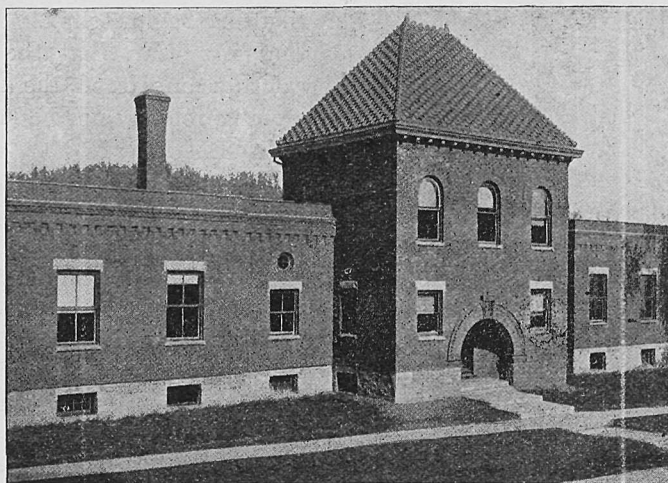
\$25,000 To Be Raised For Tablet And Memorial Fund

A committee made up of some of the best known men in the State is now at work raising a fund of \$25,000 for a memorial to the late Judge Peter B. McLennan. A letter is being sent out to friends of Judge McLennan in which an earnest appeal is made for contributions for so fitting a memorial to this son of old Alfred.

The committee is headed by Irving G. Vann of Syracuse, retired Justice of Court of Appeals of New York. Judge Vann was a close personal friend of Judge McLennan, who studied law in his offices. The other members of the committee are Thomas Carmody of Albany, Attorney-General of the State, Frederick W. Kruse of Olean, Justice of Supreme Court, 4th Department Appellate Division, Nathaniel Foote, Rochester, Justice of Supreme Court, Charles H. Brown, Belmont, Justice of Supreme Court, 4th Division, Adelbert Moot, Buffalo, who has been asked to give the Doctor's Oration in June, Liberty H. Bailey, Ithaca, formerly rector of the Agricultural College, Cornell University, Edward W. Hatch, New York, formerly Justice of Appellate Division Supreme Court, and a trustee of Alfred University, John G. Milburn, New York, a lawyer of note, at whose home in Buffalo Pres. McKinley died in 1901, Ira A. Place, New York, Vice-president of the N. Y. C. R. R., and a trustee of Alfred University, B. C. Davis, President of Alfred University and C. F. Randolph, Treasurer of Alfred University.

The undersigned, friends of the late Justice Peter B. McLennan, share with many others the feeling that some appropriate memorial should be erected to his name and memory. His untimely and tragic death last May left him without such a memorial and his family without the means for creating it. He was a man who rose by the

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BABCOCK HALL OF PHYSICS

HON. A. B. COTTRELL DEAD

Hon. Albert Boardman Cottrell, who died at his home in Richburg, N. Y., Friday, April 3, was well known by many of the alumni and friends of Alfred University, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

He was twenty-five years a member of the Board of Trustees of Alfred University, and for thirteen years was president of the Board. His funeral service occurred yesterday at Richburg, N. Y., conducted by Pres. Davis, and his interment in the Alfred Rural Cemetery will take place today. The Fiat Lux will publish in its next issue, a biographical sketch of Mr. Cottrell.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS FINISHED

The Union Evangelistic Meetings held in the village church by Rev. E. E. Davidson, D. D., closed with a very enthusiastic meeting Sunday evening after an extremely successful campaign of nearly four weeks.

Dr. Davidson thanked the townspeople for their hospitality; the committee for their excellent work and the local press for its loyal support. Since Dr. Davidson has been here there have been thirty-eight people baptized, forty taken into the village church and a confirmation class of ten has

been formed in the local Episcopal Mission.

President Davis and Pastor Burdick, on behalf of the University and community, thanked Dr. Davidson for his noble work in our midst and wished him Godspeed to his next field of labor.

Dr. Davidson left yesterday for a town in northern Maine, where he is to hold his next campaign.

GERMAN CLUB

Prof. P. E. Titsworth will give a lecture in German on "Zigzagging in Germany" in Prof. Norwood's class room Thursday evening, April 23. This will be illustrated with lantern slides. All those interested in a lecture in German are invited. The same will be given as an illustrated "Travelogue" in Kenyon Memorial Hall, Monday evening, April 27.

TO TAKE EXAMINATIONS

Prof. G. A. Bole will take Departmental Examinations in Chemistry for a Ph. D., degree at Columbia University, New York, during Easter vacation.

REGENTS' EXAMINATIONS

All students who wish to take Regents examinations in June, must order papers by one o'clock Thursday, April 9, 1914.

H. L. Gillis.

ACADEMY PLAY

Successful Production by Alfred Academy Dramatic Association

The play, "Mr. Easyman's Niece," given last night in Firemans Hall by an Academy cast, kept up the previous record of excellent plays well given.

It was an amusing modern comedy in which the combination of spiritualism, an old maid and a clever actress created a very amusing situation.

Mr. Easyman is possessed of a charming wife, with a clever sister and a vinegary old maid aunt. Carew Carlton, Easyman's nephew, is in love with Desdemona Spencer, an actress, but Easyman has other plans for him. In the absence of the family at the theatre, Desdemona comes to the Easyman home to accompany Carew to a masquerade. She is left alone a moment. Easyman, who is interested in spiritualism, comes in, takes up a book on the subject and reads of materialization. The actress confronts him as the Desdemona of Shakespeare, addresses him as Othello and pursues him until he tries to strangle her. During the struggle the family return. Easyman introduces Desdemona as his niece from Tennessee, and excuses her strange dress and language. Aunt Judith refuses to believe his story and wants the girl sent away. Meanwhile the actress plays her part with evident enjoyment.

Flynn, the gardner, loses a letter from Carew to Desdemona. Aunt Judith finds it and makes trouble.

Flynn, dressed in his master's clothes, is discovered proposing to Desdemona by Mrs. Easyman and Aunt Judith. This proposal gives the actress a chance to scare Flynn half out of his wits. Mrs. Easyman decides to leave her husband at once. Easyman in despair offers \$25,000 to the man

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who'll marry Desdemona. Carew accepts. Explanations follow. Easyman drives Aunt Judith out and all ends happily.

Miss Elizabeth Sullivan as Desdemona, the ghost, handled a difficult role with much skill and grace. Her rendition of Shakespearean lines and her work as a materialized spirit, was most excellent and showed much ability and hard work.

Miss Martha McHale took the part of the sour old maid most admirably. She ruled the family with a high hand, bossed every body, and did it all with the utmost ease and confidence. Her part was a great success.

Miss Fannie Beach very ably played the part of Mrs. Easyman. She interpreted the role of the innocent trustful child-wife, naturally and charmingly.

Clesson Poole took the part of Mr. Easyman, the easy-going, comfortable old broker, a man of fads and fancies, who hates a fuss. Mr. Poole took the part very well, was natural in his acting and scored a distinct triumph.

Charles Vars as Michael Flynn, the gardener, was a hit. His Irish brogue and his readiness to blunder caused much laughter.

The other parts were done in an acceptable manner.

Much credit is due to the efficient coaching and careful work of Miss Ethel D. Bennett.

The caste follows:

Caste

Stephen Easyman, a wealthy broker
Clesson Poole
Carew Carlton, his nephew
Clifford Potter
Tom Ashleigh
David Gardiner
Jackson, a servant
Harry Sheehan
Mr. Sharp, a detective
Ronald Babcock
Michael Flynn, the gardener
Charles Vars
Miss Judith Carroll, a maiden aunt
Miss Martha McHale
Mrs. Easyman, her niece
Miss Fannie Beach
Miss Bessie Carroll, her niece
Miss Dora Brown
Miss Desdemona Spencer, the ghost
Miss Elizabeth Sullivan

DEW DROP INN BANQUET

The second annual banquet of the Dew Drop Inn was held on Tuesday evening, March 24th. The evening was spent in playing games and dancing, after which light refreshments were served. All reported a fine time.

N. Y. S. A. CAMPUS

"Judge" Thiel has secured a position at Hope Farm, Verbank, N. Y.

Richard Humphrey is with the Lake Placid Club Farm at Lake Placid, Essex Co., N. Y.

The Misses Horton and Peck spent Saturday with Miss Madelia H. Tuttle at her home in Hornell.

Don't forget to let your old schoolmates hear from you, through the columns of the Fiat Lux.

Messrs. Franklin, Bary, Janssen and Bowles remained in Alfred, during the vacation between semesters.

Howard F. Bowles, '14, is traveling on the N. Y. S. A. demonstration car this week, as assistant.

Mr. A. H. Remsen was called to his old home at Oyster Bay, L. I., last week on account of the illness and death of his mother. The funeral occurred on Thursday.

Director and Mrs. W. J. Wright attended a banquet of the New York members of the Michigan Agricultural College, at Geneva on Saturday evening, March 28th.

A new hand made truck has been added to the equipment at the farm. It can be used as either a single or double vehicle. The new truck may be frequently seen about town drawn by two-year-old colts, which are now being broken to harness.

Miss Angeline Wood will teach Household Chemistry the coming semester, instead of Prof. Geo. A. Bole, as heretofore.

Herbert Windres '16 purchased one of the registered Holstein bull calves at the State Farm. It was shipped to his home farm at Belmont.

The third term of the School of Agriculture begins today. As this is the first year, that the third term has been offered, the attendance will probably not be large.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Meade were the guests of Prof. and Mrs. De Voe Meade during commencement week. Mr. Meade is connected with the Bureau of Plant Industry at Washington, D. C.

CERAMIC NOTES

The Misses Mary Connell and Grace Witter with Matilda Vossler visited the school Friday.

Robert Green, Lena Fink and Wm. Garwood acted as models for the pose drawing class recently. The school appreciates the favor.

Last Wednesday afternoon the studio tea was especially enjoyed. Very dainty refreshments were served and several invited guests were present, among the others was Marguerite Burdick, who graduated from the Ceramic School last June.

Adelene Titsworth, '12, Marguerite A. Burdick, '13, and Margaret Place, '13, are home for the Easter vacation. All three were Ceramic students.

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REMARKS ON THE DEATH OF JUDGE McLENNAN

By Dr. Daniel Lewis of New York

At the recent meeting of the Alfred University Alumni Association of New York City, Dr. Daniel H. Lewis spoke on the late Judge McLennan as follows:

Since the Alfred University Alumni Association of New York City met one year ago, a divine mandate from which there can be no appeal, has summoned to his final reward our beloved brother, Judge Peter B. McLennan, who was our honored guest on that occasion.

From the year 1873, when he took his Bachelor of Arts degree from our University until the 8th of May, 1913, when the news of his terrible death caused every one of us the most profound sorrow, he was an Alfred boy, known to all, respected by all and beloved by all, as few men are ever regarded by their friends and associates. We have enshrined in our heart of hearts the memory of him whose life was devoted to the interests of Alfred University and its individual alumni.

Elected to the Supreme Court in 1892, after having attained renown as a trial lawyer, he was soon assigned to the Appellate Division and became presiding Justice, which position he held until his death. The loving tributes of his legal associates in his home city of Syracuse and throughout Central and Western New York are the most appreciative and affectionate tribute to his great mind and heart, which I have ever read of any man.

Judge McLennan was not only a great lawyer but he was a good citizen, a man whose natural inclinations were toward honesty and purity in public affairs and his entire public life was characterized by his devotion to the best interests of the communities in which he lived and worked.

For a score of years he served the University as a Trustee and to his wise counsel and aid are we indebted for a large degree of success, which has been noted in every direction of college activities. We mourn the loss of one of our greatest benefactors. There is no one to adequately assume duties and responsibilities which he so long and so generously undertook.

Peter loved his home and all his ha-

lowed associations, even the home of his childhood claimed his watch and care and loyal attention while he lived. This close affection for his family and devotion to home interests was one of the brightest features of his innate nobility of character—a gem in the crown of an eventful and most successful life.

But why multiply words to review a life that was as an open book? For us gathered here tonight, we are stricken to the heart by the loss of a very dear friend whose joyous words of affection and good will are still ringing in our ears, and whose genial smile is as a benediction on this occasion.

We cannot say a final good-by to you because you have entered into rest after a most strenuous and useful life among us, but will say Auf Wiedersehen and convey to your spirit which is still with us, our constant affection until such a time, not far removed, when we may assume the pleasing recollections of today in a sweet and unending peace. In the words of Judge Vann who was your life-long friend and associate we repeat "May God bless your memory."

RESOLVED, that we, fellow Alumni of Judge Peter B. McLennan, can find no words to adequately express our sorrow at his sudden death. He was a wise counsellor and staunch friend of the University and his loss cannot be less deplored as a Trustee of the College than as a faithful personal friend of every one of us here assembled.

RESOLVED, that we pledge ourselves to renewed zeal for the work to which Judge McLennan was so vitally consecrated and with his unswerving loyalty, as far as we may be able, to aid our beloved Institution in its important career of usefulness which it has thus far so nobly carried forward.

RESOLVED, that in his wise and vigorous advocacy of the establishment of the Agricultural School at Alfred University we find one of his most important memorials and a noted achievement for the benefit of the people of Western New York.

RESOLVED, that our deepest sympathy is hereby extended to his bereaved wife and family whose loss of a beloved husband and father, can never be fully realized. We can only beseech such aid and comfort in their great affliction as a merciful Deity alone can administer to the widow and the orphan.

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of our deceased brother,

ALUMNI

Allan Williams, '11, of Rushville visited his mother, Saturday and Sunday.

Frank Shaw, '07, has been re-elected principal of the Caledonia High School.

Claude Cartwright, '09, has been ill at his home in Hornell for the last two weeks.

Miss Adelene Titsworth, '12, of Ellicottville spent the week-end with her parents.

Gordon Phillips, '13, of Olean visited at the home of W. B. White, Saturday.

Emile Babcock, '06, who has been running a farm in Florida, is in town for a few days.

Mr. D. E. Wilson, '13, of Southampton, L. I., visited at the Eta Phi Gamma House yesterday.

Miss Cora Barber, '11, of Friendship was a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. L. Barber.

Miss Irene Martin, '09, of Forestville, N. Y., was a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rogers

Marina VanCampen, '13, has been re-elected preceptress of the Canaseraga High School for the coming year.

Miss Margaret Place, '13, of Catskill is spending the spring vacation with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. F. S. Place.

Fannie Whitford, '11, has been elected preceptress of the Belmont High School for the coming year, with an increase in salary.

Miss Grace Coon, '12, of the Stonington High School is spending the Easter vacation at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Coon.

Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Lawton and two children of Gorham, N. Y., were recent visitors in Alfred. Mr. Lawton was graduated from Alfred in 1908.

Miss Louise K. Gamble, '01, of the Elmira Free Academy, is spending the spring vacation with her mother. She is entertaining Miss Rena Rockwell of Elmira.

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The next number of the Fiat Lux will appear April 28, after Easter vacation.

A committee is sending out an appeal for funds for a memorial in honor of Judge Peter B. McLennan. It is very fitting there should be such a memorial to him here and it is hoped that there will be a generous response on the part of all alumni and friends of Alfred.

It has been voted by the powers, that ought to be, that each Senior class of Alfred University shall, upon graduation, erect and dedicate a memorial of the class to the school. For instance, cement steps to the tennis courts could well be constructed, a statue of Venus could be placed in the park and a grove of eucalyptus trees might be planted on the bald slope of Pine Hill. We are glad that this has been voted through and we hope that the present Senior class will start the ball rolling by

dedicating a gray stone lyceum building to the University—the ground floor to be used by the Oros and Alleghanians—the girls' lyceums to have the basement.

Again comes a long gap in our school affairs. Friends, make the best of it. When we come back after Easter, the goal for which the Seniors have struggled for four years, will be just six weeks ahead. While it is not absolutely required that the students shall keep up the grind through Easter vacation, we would like to have it known that it is safer to keep your books at hand—ready for immediate reference when school shall reopen. We expect to do some heavy work along educational lines when vacation ceases, for, to tell the truth, there are a few things left which we do not know. We hope all of our Alfred students will enjoy Easter vacation, may the mud dry up, the rain cease and the lilies bloom.

For the past week, two carpenters have been rearranging and repairing the gymnasium. The "gym" has been sorely in need of carpenterial attention for some time and the students who have viewed the new arrangement are well pleased. The gas light cages which were directly above the basket ball court, handicapping the games to no little extent, have been removed and placed at the top of the southern wall. The broken flooring and splintered wall boards have been replaced. The janitor wishes it to be understood that no one will be allowed to practice with the twelve and sixteen pound shot in the "gym," as that has caused much of the "gym" troubles.

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force of a rugged character without the assistance of wealth, to a position of great distinction and service to his state. Judge McLennan's ability, integrity and candor as a lawyer made him a Supreme Court justice and promoted him to the Appellate Division and to the rank of presiding justice. He enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew him and the love of thousands of friends, members of the bar, neighbors, personal acquaintances and fellow alumni of his Alma Mater, Alfred University "Masterful, loving and fearless; affable, courteous and dignified; manly, simple-hearted and great-hearted, when shall we see his like again?"

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could be consulted, a memorial in his Alma Mater, which he loved next to his own family, would please him most. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, \$25,000, will erect a bronze tablet in Alfred University and create the Peter B. McLennan Memorial Fund. By this means his friends can perpetuate his name forever and make his memory a benediction to future generations. We as a committee present to all his acquaintances and friends an opportunity to help make this memorial to our mutual friend. Your personal assistance is earnestly solicited. A list of all the contributors will be published and a copy sent to all who subscribe. Any sums, large or small, will be appreciated. Checks or pledges may be sent to any member of the committee, but preferably to the chairman or to the treasurer.

Very sincerely yours,

Irving G. Vann, Chairman, Syracuse, N. Y.

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John G. Milburn, New York,
Ira A. Place, New York,
Boothe C. Davis, Alfred,
Curtis F. Randolph, Treasurer, Alfred, N. Y.

Committee.

Judge McLennan was well known throughout the State and there is expected to be a generous response to the appeal for funds to create a memorial to him. His acquaintanceship was so wide that the committee do not expect to reach by letter all who would wish to contribute to the fund. All subscriptions will be welcome. It is a great opportunity to contribute to the memorial fund of him who loved his Alma Mater so dearly, and did so much for her, and to aid in the support of the institution he loved so well.

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CAMPUS

Vacation—April 9 to 21.

The German Club will not meet until after vacation.

M. Grover Babcock was in Hornell, Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Buck visited relatives in Canisteo, Sunday.

Miss Eva Clark spent the weekend at her home in Belmont.

Mrs. LeGrande Vars of Nile, N. Y., is the guest of her sons for the week.

Mrs. R. J. Bole of Montclair, N. J., is the guest of her son, Prof. G. A. Bole.

Prof. C. R. Clawson visited his wife at Hornell Sanitarium, Saturday.

Prof. Myrta A. Little will spend the vacation at her home in Westville, N. H.

Misses Myrtle Meritt and Ruth Williams spent last week in Little Genesee, N. Y.

Mr. Aaron MacCoon has been confined to the house for the last few days with grip.

Mr. Willis Saunders of Corning was a guest at the home of Alfred Stillman over Sunday.

A. H. Remsen was called to his home on Long Island last week by the illness of his mother.

Rev. E. E. Davidson was entertained at dinner at the Eta Phi Gamma Saturday evening.

Miss Elsie Binns, Miss Norah Binns, Miss Peck, and Miss Horton were in Hornell, Saturday shopping.

Prof. L. B. Crandall spent several days last week in Ithaca on business connected with the Agricultural School.

Miss Edna Bliss of the East Aurora High School, is spending the spring vacation with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Bliss.

Miss Faith Hooker is home from Miss Sayles' School near Philadelphia, to spend Easter with her sister, Miss Susan Hooker.

At the University Faculty meeting Tuesday evening, April 7, Director Wright of N. Y. S. A. will give a talk on "The New Agriculture."

Principal Franz H. Rosebush of Bolivar has resigned his position there and has accepted a position as principal of a Rochester Grammar School at a considerable increase of salary.

Mrs. Frank Blair of N. Y. S. A. is spending the vacation with friends in New York.

Miss Bertha Titsworth of the N. Y. S. A. Faculty last year, is home from Ithaca for Easter.

Prof. J. D. Bennehoff will give the assembly address Wednesday, April 8, on the subject, "The Microscope: its History and Use."

Mrs. Mark Sheppard entertained Thursday evening at 500 in honor of Miss Vossler's guests, Miss Witter and Miss Connell.

Plans for Commencement week, June 6-11, are being completed as rapidly as possible. Prof. C. F. Binns has charge of the program.

Miss Esther Rogers, N. Y. S. A., '13, left last night for Los Angeles, Cal., where she will spend several months with her sister, Mrs. Hugh Bardeen.

A dance will be held in Firemens Hall Monday evening, April 20. The College Dance Committee will have charge of the arrangements.

Harold Saunders, Harold Clausen, Guy Rixford, J. Stanley Beltz and Elwood Kenyon, '17, walked to Wellsville last Tuesday. They reported a fine trip.

Mr. William Campbell, Director of Boys' Work in the Jacob A. Riis Settlement Home, Brooklyn, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rogers, recently.

Miss Grace Witter of Wellsville and Miss Mary Connell of Poughkeepsie were the guests of Miss Mathilde Vossler at the Brick, Thursday and Friday.

Prof. M. I. Hart will be at her home in Norwalk, Conn., for the vacation. She will also attend the Classical Association of the Middle States at Barnard College, April 17 and 18.

Miss Bessie Jones of Port Jefferson, Long Island, Miss Jessie Beltz and Miss Bernice Werden of Hornell, who were home from Genesee for Easter, visited Miss Peterson and Miss Michler at the Brick, yesterday.

Prof. W. A. Titsworth, who has been confined to the house with a severe case of pneumonia, is rapidly recovering and will be able to take his classes after vacation. He will spend the Easter vacation at the home of his father, Prof. A. A. Titsworth, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

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Prof. B. L. Gambrill will spend her vacation at her home in Elliott City, Md. She will attend the Association of Collegiate Alumni and the meeting of the Deans of Women to be held in Philadelphia the week after Easter.

ACCEPTS POSITION

From the Gouverneur Tribune

Professor Clarence Green has accepted the principalship of the schools of Medina. During the year that Professor Green has been connected with the Gouverneur High School he has made a host of friends who will hear with regret that he will not return to his old position next fall. The Board of Education has no one in view to fill the position thus left vacant.

Mr. Green graduated from Alfred in 1913. His friends extend congratulations.

Y. W. C. A.

Many of the members of the Y. W. C. A. attended the short meeting before the service at the church. Miss Jessamine Fenner gave an interesting talk on "Easter Friendship" emphasizing a greater need of an Easter atmosphere. Misses Mildred Taber and Mable Hood furnished special music, which was very much appreciated by the Y. W. girls.

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THE SOUL OF A MUSICIAN

It was the end of a day late in Autumn. The dreariness of the little mountain gulch foretold the coming of winter. From nearly all the trees the leaves had fallen silently to the ground, their life work finished. The straggling houses seemed to vie with each other in gloominess. To the lone man on the mountainside it appeared as if some giant, seeking revenge on the gulch, had gathered this little village into his mighty hands and shuffling it, had dropped it, helter-skelter into the valley below.

It was the sunset hour, and the man on the slope watched with bated breath, and eyes that marvelled. He could see, from his vantage-point, over the top of the hill opposite, into the plain beyond, where the great ball of red fire bathed the landscape in a glorious, golden hue. Gradually the red spread into orange waves which melted into delicate pinks and lavenders, shading into pearl gray as they neared the twilight sky above.

It was then that the man drew his violin closer under his chin, and with tear-dimmed eyes on the fading glory of the sunset, drew his bow. The instrument responded in tones so delicately sweet and yet so weirdly sad that his could be only a master touch. What was he trying to express? Surely no mortal could hope to translate a sunset into music! But he was! Playing the sunset colors. The birds were restlessly twittering as they settled down for the night and the man

answered each bird call with his instrument so naturally that even the birds were deceived. What was that moaning, wailing melody? It was the night wind rising. Surely, here was an artist. One who could so interpret every thought and feeling of Nature's voice ought never to be buried in this mountain gulch, but should give of his great gift to the clamorous world beyond.

His theme changed now and with his varying moods, one was carried thru ecstatic joy, passionate longing, supreme happiness, black despair, moments of hesitation, then decision, heart-break and then a despairing sort of hope. Could it be the disconnected story of his life the man was playing?

Surely this must be the man of whom they had told at the inn. Long ago, when the man was but yet a boy, he had found an old violin in a collection of discarded household goods. With the artist's instinct, he soon grew to play well, and later on, as he reached manhood, his fame as a natural musician, spread thruout the country-side.

One day, never to be forgotten, a great man from the nearest city, descended into the valley, seeking the musician, tales of whose art had spread even beyond the mountains. The great man's offer of a magnificent salary with a princely life of ease and luxury was spurned. Again and again he came to plead, urge and even threaten, all to no avail. Every one marvelled at what they called his laziness, his lack

of ambition and chicken-heartedness.

Even the girl whom he had loved from childhood and to whom he was betrothed, grew in time to believe that he was ambitionless and worthless. Listening to the advice of well-meaning friends and relatives rather than to the dictates of her own heart, she married the great man from the city, who had come in search of her musician lover.

But how she paid! All that first year she tried to shield her broken heart from her husband, and when shortly after the birth of her son, she passed from this world, her thoughts were still of the man in the mountain gulch.

The nurse who had been constantly by her side, gleaned the tale from the woman's disjointed ravings during delirium, and felt that the boy should know. So, as the child grew, the nurse wove the story into a pretty tale that delighted his fancy. As he approached manhood his father was astonished to discover the marvelous talent of his son. The boy was a wonder and could perform marvelous feats with the violin—just how marvelous, he a musical critic, could correctly judge.

It was very clear to the nurse that the mother's love for the mountain musician and his love for her had transmitted the great talent to her son in some mysterious way, and her heart was glad. Then she told him and it was with great determination that he vowed he would find that gulch and that man. Blessings on that sweet nurse who kept alive the spark of sentiment and chivalry in the boy's heart! He now realized that, though great masters had taught him skillful technique, he owed his soul to the man of the mountain gulch.

Let us return to the man. He had paid, too! Well he had known that were he to accept the life opened to him in the city, his life-blood would dry up and his soul wither. Here, in the gulch, was his home, next to Nature's heart. Here was his inspiration and teacher. Here he must stay. But, without her, all these years had been a mockery.

He had descended the slope and followed the rugged, crook-

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his ears. Was he dreaming, or did he really hear the instrument? As he neared the door the faint music swelled into a rhapsody of passionate longing. The man stood with every muscle taut. With ever-increasing volume it rose to a glorious climax, then diminished and died away with a question in its tone.

Ah? That was the way he had longed to play. That was the composition he had wished to form but could not, for lack of training. What freak of fate had sent this wonder to his door?

The wonderful tones had risen to a high, sweet treble, that filled the listener with vague memories sweet, but tormenting. It was *her* voice! With a cry the man staggered into the room and was caught in the arms of a young man, who cried, "Cher Maitre! Padre! Oh, I have searched for you long. May I love you as she did? It is you who have given me all my power."

With a wonderful cry, expressing all things, they clasped one another.

ASSEMBLY ADDRESS

April 1, 1914

Prof. C. F. Binns of the Ceramic School entertained the Assembly last Wednesday with the reading of two selections from Dickens' "Pickwick Papers," the first being Sam Weller's Love Letter and the second the Bardell-Pickwick Trial. Prof. Binns' interpretation of Dickens is inimitable, as those who have been fortunate enough to hear him, are aware, and Wednesday's entertainment was another demonstration of his skill in this line.

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"Knowledge is Not The Biggest Factor in Life"

Statement by Albany Educator

In his lecture on "Influence of Good Reading" Dr. Sherman Williams of the Department of Education, Albany, has given much of value to the student.

At the opening of his lecture Dr. Williams spoke in detail of the influence Lincoln derived from the reading of his small collection of books, especially his "Life of Washington." The poorest libraries anywhere in the state are in the high schools. The district schools have more usable books, not better books, than even the high schools. The two uses to which these libraries are put are to give entertainment to the children and to give them added information on the subjects studied.

Dr. Williams gave the following as the chief uses of the library, first to encourage the child to acquire the reading habit, not for information but for inspiration. Books can do for boys and girls what you and I cannot do. Know the books you have and the pupils you are dealing with. Reading books is an individual affair and not a class affair. Our thoughts are our most influential companions. Some books do not have the same influence on everybody. "Knowledge is not the biggest factor in life," said Dr. Williams, "We deliberately do things we know to be wrong at times. What controls our actions is our feelings. We need to see that children are trained to feel right. It doesn't do anybody much good to do things they really don't want to do. Your work is to get them to want to do what is best for them. What is a great book? That depends upon the reader. The greatest book in the world is the one which produces the greatest effect on the reader, and that varies with experience. "Burk's Speech on Conciliation; no normal boy ever loved it." Dr. Williams defended fiction, especially historical fiction, which he said was often a great aid in making the history plain and vivid. "Well chosen fiction is the most helpful thing we can get. We don't tell students how to study."

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