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The agricultural population produces the bravest men, the most valiant soldiers and a class of citizens the least given of all to evil designs.
Pliny.
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EDITORIALS.

You will doubtless notice that we have a new Board of Editors. Being elected so early in the term, the old Board has taken the responsibility of issuing this number. We desire to express our thanks to the new Board and others who have helped us with this, and past numbers.

One of the most important matters now before the Students' Organization is that of the "labor question". We want no compulsory labor except what may be necessary for the purposes of education. Every one is agreed that the present system is very expensive to the College, and not of much benefit to the boys, as practically all the good they derive is the exercise and eight(?) cents an hour. We admit that there are one or two objectionable features of the proposed plan, but we believe that these could be overcome, and the arrangement would be more satisfactory to all concerned.

Every man has a right to his opinion, but it seems as though that of the "Farmer at the Capitol", was slightly erroneous, at least his description of the College is slightly severe.

The mere fact that some do not know that this is a College, tends to reveal just how far they have investigated the matter.

An agricultural institution should not merely teach a student to be a stone-picker or bush-cutter, but it should and does teach him the principles of farming and those studies which tend to make young men good honest citizens of the state.

However, be that as it may, there is nothing better for an institution like this than good opposition, for by this, faults are discovered, and the public in general are led to investigate the merits or "humbuggery" of the topic under consideration.

For the last three years the college has been under Student Rule and it has proved a success. The students take more interest in the government of the college, as they better understand the value and privileges of student rule.

There are several faults with the present rules and the way things are run. First and of most importance is the fact that the Trustees know nothing about student rule and have never given their consent to it. We are continually coming in contact with some rule made by the trustees which is in direct opposition to the rules of the Students Organization.

There ought to be one set of rules accepted jointly by the Trustees, Faculty and Students, and towards this end the students are working. A committee from the students has been appointed to confer with the faculty and trustee, and a new and better set of rules may be expected in the near future.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Mr. Walter A. Warren '94, has the care of the grounds surrounding a gentleman's house in Middlebury Ct., and writes back with best wishes for the best development of his Alma Mater.

Mr. E. B. Fitts who has in time past been working for the Expt. Station has taken a farm on shares at East Windsor, Ct., and is putting into operation the theories obtained at S. A. C.?

Thanks to the student who has been here and so ably answered the remarks made by a gentleman at the Capitol whose knowledge of the institution was limited.
As Commencement day approaches, we are reminded of a grand reunion of the Alumni and what has taken place in the past years; regard to meals and lodging proves not to be followed this year, but further particulars will be published in our next issue.

It is to be hoped also that a base-ball game may also take place as these contests add much to the attraction of Commencement week.

Mr. M. M. Frisbie ’95, had an offer of the position as teacher at Baron DeHirsh Agricultural School at Woodbine, N. J., but on account of previous engagements refused to accept the situation.

George Hall ’95, was severely bitten by a dog belonging to Martin Frisbie while riding through Southington on his bike.

Mr. W. F. Schults ’94, formerly a student at Cornell University, has accepted a position as Professor of the “Mother of Arts”, now who will doubt that Professor Phelps’ teachings have been in vain?

Now, a committee is appointed from the S. A. C. A. A., which will be pleased to meet a delegate or delegates from the Alumni, to make arrangements for events which would be permanent and remain unchanged for years. As this method will insure better results as every one will know what to train for and condition himself accordingly.

As this is my last writing, I will say I hope I have made it pleasant and profitable to each and every alumnus. But you will agree with me many there are among the alumni that little is known about them and less can be learned. I will assure you this office has materially benefitted me in Punctuation Capitalization, the latter two none can perform with accuracy and but few approach it.

With these few remarks my term of office closes, and I bid you a long (farewell) with all the respect for my duly elected successor.

LOST—Forty spoons. Finder please return them to the Boarding Department.

"COLLEGE NOTES."

B. F. K.; What are you making? R. D. B.; A lead shot. B. F. K.; What are you making it of?

Prof. Gulley is at work on the proposed new road. It is nearly completed as far down as Grove Cottage. It will probably be completed during the Summer term, thus making a substantial, graceful road, from the cottage to the main building.

Prof. Peebles declares that there are ghosts at the cottage, as many mysterious happenings at that place, cannot be explained.

The north west windows of Grove Cottage, have been nailed down and screened. It must be a rather serious matter, when such precautions have to be taken. But the girls are not to be baffled in that manner, for when they do get a chance at any of the windows, lost time is considered.

Mr. Pentecost, of the experiment station, has returned from the University of Wisconsin, where he has been taking a special course in dairying and bacteriology.

Dr. Waterman has a case of fistula of the withers, at the barn. There ought to be a hospital for horses at the college, so that the students, could get practical lessons in veterinary science.

Prof. Gulley and family have moved to the old Harvey homestead.

Miss Fuller now boards at her home, coming down to her lessons every day.

A play was presented at Four Corners, Saturday evening, March 19th., entitled "The Last Loaf".

The Juniors are pursuing shop work and drawing this term.

Mr. G. Smith, having spent much time in making a lead shot, found that it was a few ounces too light. Upon meditating as to how he should add the desired weight, Mr. Beardsley forwarded the idea of boring a hole in it and filling it up with lead.

Mr. Fitts, while vaulting, strained his knee again, which confined him to his room for several days.

A social was held in the college chapel during the Spring vacation.
Max Shaffrath, ’98, spent Saturday and Sunday, Apr. 16-17th., at Phillip's Exeter Academy, with his brother Paul.

Messers Gardner and Stocking, ’99, have left College for a short rest, their eyes having given out.

The second musical recital was held on Wednesday evening, Apr. 21st.

The prize essays have to be presented in type written copies.

Hibbard Parker, ’94, has purchased the old station horse.

Samuel Loomis a former ’97. made us a visit, Sunday, Apr. 17th.

A new flag pole has been erected, the old one having become decayed.

Found:- A light colored cape. Owner will receive the same by proving property at the Lookout Office.

Mr. Collingwood, editor of the Rural New Yorker, delivered an interesting lecture in the College Chapel, Friday evening Apr. 16th., upon, "Taking a Back Seat."

Prof. Patterson and family, have moved to the cottage formerly occupied by the Barrows family.

The S. A. C. Debating Club held its first regular meeting, Monday evening, Apr. 19th. We wish it success.

In endeavoring to repack the pump of the wind-mill, the main shaft was broken. As a result, we have been very careful of water for the past three or four days, men being kept at work both night and day, in repairing it.

The Seniors are having practical lessons in dairying this term.

H.B.Luce has had considerable trouble with one of his ears lately. It is feared that he will lose the use of the ear.

The Juniors have purchased a half dozen fishing poles which they scientifically cut up into class canes.

The Rev. Mr. McFarlane of New Britain lectured in the College Chapel on Monday evening, Apr. 14th., his subject being, "Wendell Phillips'.

The Messers Beardsley, Chapman, Lucchini, Johnson and Pincus, participated in a private supper on Easter Sunday, making a specialty of the characteristic eatable of that day. All responded to the toast-master's call, with interesting remarks.

As a result of the late "pink-eye" epidemic a number of the students are wearing spectacles.

Mr. Valentine, of Brooklyn, paid a visit to our institution, Friday, Apr. 9th.

The college orchestra furnished music at the late Pomona Grange meeting held at Abington, Conn. Mr. Bushnell had some peculiar experiences during his visit there. "Admiral Bancroft" ’98, has constructed a boat which affords pleasure to many.

Mr. and Mrs. Beach are preparing to go to house-keeping in the rooms formerly used by Dr. and Mrs. Waterman.

All of the graduating class are expected upon the Commencement day programme, the length of their orations being limited to six minutes.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

The work of the first year in the Extension Department of the College has progressed to a point where something of an account may be made of this effort. During March and April there have been held the lecture courses in connection with the circles of ten or more members. The general plan of these meetings which for want of a better name have been called Seminaries, is that of a morning, afternoon and evening session. The first is intended for regular members. The effort has been to find out from each member, which text-book has been most helpful, which least interesting, and to get from each an expression as to ways for improving the course for the year to come. Then a brief review of some of the text books for the year is conducted by the members of the College Faculty in attendance. Miss Smith has reviewed the "Domestic Science," the Secretary has reviewed the "Practical Farm Chemistry," Prof. Phelps, "First Principles of Agriculture," Prof. Gulley, "Home Floriculture."

It is a pleasure to find the members so well satisfied with the books of the course.
In all probability the same books will be continued for the coming year as the textbooks for the first year studies. The total cost for this set of books is two dollars and ten cents. The second session, in the afternoon consists of two lectures; Miss Smith's lecture has been "Sick-room Cookery" with demonstrations; Prof. Peebles on "Carbon and Some of its Compounds"; Prof. Gulley on "Cuttings and Crafts". These afternoon lectures have been well attended. Printed invitation cards are sent to the members, who distribute them generally. The evening lecture is of a more popular nature, illustrated by stereopticon pictures. Full houses have greeted the lecturers in every place. This makes an equivalent to five lectures at each place. The first Seminary was held with the Hampton circle on March 26, 1897. The second with the East Canaan circle on March 30th, Mr. W. N. Stevens, President. This is one of the largest circles having a membership of twenty-eight.

The Southington circle has for its President, Miss Mary Holt, and its Secretary, Mr. M. M. Frischie of Class of '95, S. A. C. Under such efficient leadership the circle has done most excellent work. The lecturers were royally received on Wednesday, Mar. 31st. Middlebury enjoys the distinction of having the largest Circle in the State. Its success has been due in a large measure to the faithful work of its President Mr. W. M. SheparDson, who has been faithfully seconded in his labors by Mrs. Judd. The Southington and Middlebury circles illustrate the possibilities, of the Extension Plan. A full description of the work of these circles will be given in a pamphlet which will be issued later. Miss Smith and Miss Ken will conduct the Seminary at Scotland on the 27th inst. Prof. Gulley and Prof. Phelps will attend the Meriden meeting. And Prof. Phelps will lecture to the Greenfield Hill circle.

The total enrolment up to date has been two hundred fifteen.

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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.
WRITTEN BY N. J. WEBB,
FOR THE C. S. C.

William Shakespeare, the greatest of all poets, was born on the 23rd. of April, 1564 in Stratford-on-Avon, a small town in Warwickshire, England. His father, John Shakespeare, was a respectable tradesman; and his mother, Mary Arden, was an heiress of ancient descent. William was born during the prosperous days of his father's life, but by the time he was fifteen there was poverty in the household.

The future dramatist received little or no instruction from his parents, for neither of them could read or write; but he was sent to the free grammar school, where he received the advantages of such instruction as was offered by the schools of those days.

When only eighteen years old he foolishly married a farmer's daughter called Anne, a woman nearly eight years older than himself. The ill-matched pair seem to have been very unhappy, for, after leaving her, he seldom came to see her, and when he died he left her only his second best bed with the hangings.

Susanna, the poet's favorite child, was born in 1583, and in the following year twins, Judith and Hamnet. The only son, Hamnet, died at twelve years of age; the daughters survived their illustrious father.

Shakespeare went to London to seek his fortune, and soon after arriving there he joined the company at the Globe Theater. His duties were to prepare old plays for the stage, and to act occasionally, when required. Later he became one of the owners of the theatre and wrote plays of his own.

Such was his industry and success in the double role of actor and writer of plays, that in a few years he became a wealthy man.

In 1597 he bought an estate called "New Place" near his native town, to which he retired to spend the remainder of his days. He died after a short illness, on the 23rd of April, which was the exact anniversary of his birth day 52 years before. He was buried in the parish church at Stratford.

Shakespeare was a handsome well shaped man, amiable and generous, and beloved by everybody except the few who were jealous of his greatness.

He was an ardent lover of Nature, his poetry containing many exquisite pictures but his great fame rests almost solely on his plays, usually reckoned as 47 in number.

The most celebrated tragedies are, Macbeth, King Lear, Hamlet, Othello, and Romeo and Juliet.

The most popular historical dramas are: Henry V & VIII, Richard II, Julius Caesar, and Antony and Cleopatra; while the best known comedies are: Merchant of Venice, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Midsummer Night's Dream, and As You Like It.

His principal works besides plays are: Venus and Adonis, Rape of Lu Crece, and one hundred fifty four sonnets.

EXCHANGES

Our exchanges have not been returned in very large numbers, but we wish to acknowledge the following.

We are pleased to see the Pioneer, Willimantic, Conn., which turns up regularly every month and is a neat little paper.

The Chronicle, Hartford, is a well-written paper, and shows that much time and work is spent upon it.

Echoes of Cargill Fall, Putnam, is a snappy paper, and the stories in it are very good.

NOTE.

ATHLETICS

The first base ball game of the season was played on the Storrs field, Apr. 10th, between the '97 Class and the remainder of the College.

The game was an interesting one on account of the number of new men who played. The principal feature of the game was the playing of Lyman who made no errors and who made a base hit every time he went to bat. The 3 base hit by A. C. Gilbert was a surprise to all, especially to himself.

Score by Innings.

'97 Class. 8 1 0 5 4 0 - 18.
Combination. 2 1 3 2 3 4 - 15.
Base on Balls, Bushnell 6; Mansfield, 14; Dead Balls, Bushnell, 4; Mansfield, 3.
Struck out, Bushnell, 4, Mansfield, 5.
2 Base Hits, C. Hawley 2, Bushnell.
3 Base Hit, A. C. Gilbert. Home Run, Lyman.
Time of game, 2 hours.
Umpire C. Francis.

Line up of Teams.

'97 Class. Combination Team.
R. D. Beardsley, C. W. Chamberlain.
F. Bushnell, P. E. Mansfield.
A. Green, 1st. Base, N. Webb.
C. Foskett, 2nd. Base, W. Pentecost.
F. Comber, S. S. J. Lyman.
H. Atwood, R. F. C. Hawley.
F. Buell, C. F. G. Rosebrooks.
A. C. Gilbert, L. F. J. Burgess.

The first Athletic meet of the season between the students of the college was successfully carried out on Apr. 17. The large number who entered is surprising, as it shows that the students are taking a greater interest in athletics than formerly.

The weather was very unfavorable in the morning, but it cleared off at noon and after rolling and soaking up the wet places with saw dust, the track was gotten into very fair condition.

Events.

50 yards Dash; Beardsley, '97, 1st Mansfield, '98, 2nd, Johnson, '97, 3rd.
Time, 6 seconds.

100 yards Dash; Beardsley, '97, 1st Mansfield, '98, 2nd, Bingham, '99, 3rd.
Time 12% seconds.
Distance 29.2 ft.
Distance 17.6 ft.
Running High Jump; Webb, '98, 1st Beardsley, '97, 2nd, Height 4.875 ft.
Height 7.6 ft.
Mile Run; Bidwell '98, 1st, Mansfield, '98, 2nd, Beardsley, '97, 3rd.
Time 6 minutes.
Time 4 minutes 1\m/2 seconds.
Half Mile Bicycle Race; Comber, '97, 1st, Chapman, '98, 2nd. Time 1 m. 42 sec,
50 yards Pail Race; Beardsley '97, 1st Time 33 seconds.
Obstacle Race; Webb, '98, 1st, Comber '97, 2d, Lyman '00, 3rd. Time 40 sec.
Distance 36.8 ft.

The second Base Ball game of the season, was played at Storrs, Apr. 24, between the 98 and 1900 Classes. Each class had one player from the senior class on account of the lack of base ball players. The game was a very interesting one as most of the players were not in practice, and the playing was very crude.

The surprising features of the game were Bidwell's hit into center field, Mather's fielding, Munson's successful capture of a fly to Centerfield, and Baker's Base Hit over Short Stop's head.

Score by Innings.

'98 Class 4 7 3 2 0 6 1 0 3 26
1900 Class 2 4 1 0 6 1 1 6 21
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