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EDITORIALS

As Comencement day approaches, we look with respect on our friends who will leave these halls to go out into the wide world. We wish that success may grace their efforts in life and that they will not forget their Alma Mater. The alumni as a whole do not support the college as they should and it is hoped that the graduating class this year will set a good example to those of coming years. By supporting our College in Athletics as in this line, we much need their aid.

It is pleasing to note that the first contribution to the paper from our graduates comes from an alumna, and although they are far in the minority yet they seem to take a greater interest in the paper than the men who have graduated here. In an issue a few months back was an editorial soliciting contributions of quotations for the first page. I will extend this and say that any literary article or item of interest especially about the alumni will be gladly received by the Editor.

We understand that an association has been formed between the New England State Colleges, to arrange a regular series of games in football, baseball and possibly in track athletics. It will undoubtedly be a good thing and we are sure that so far as Storrs is concerned it will prove a great benefit. Such a regular system of games to play each year would stimulate our efforts in each line. The arrangement of such a series of contests would give us a better knowledge of our sister Colleges, and bring our College before the people as by no other way.

ALUMNI NOTES.

S. H. Buel, '94, will spend the summer at home and return to Oberlin in the fall.

Miss Nellie Louise Wilson, '97 was united in marriage June, '97 to Mr. Burt Bingham, both of this place.

C. H. Brimble has been promoted by the Pope Bicycle Co. to the position of teaching new cyclists to ride.

W. L. Goodenough, S. A. C., '90, has been making some fine additions to the farm which he bought and took possession of, in April. Among the additions are a fine team of horses, wagons, tools, etc.

Since our last issue we have been honored by visits from the following: A. E. Shed, '95, G. R. Hall, '95, Stancliff Hale, '96, Mr. Brewer, '98, and C. B. Pomeroy, Jr. Mr. G. A. Hann, '96, is spending a few days with us.

M. H. Parker, '94, while riding his wheel the other day, came in rather sudden contact with Miss Leach, '99, and it resulted in Mr. Parker being pretty well shaken up, and one peddle shaft getting bent.
The fourth annual banquet of the College Shakespearean Club, was held in the Chapel June 14, 1897. There were a few of the absent members including M. H. Parker, W. L. Chamberlain, Stancliff Hale, W. C. Tyler, A. G. Hunn and W. A. Warren. There were present from among the Alumni as visitors, W. A. Stocking, Miss Grace Blakeman and Miss Olive Clark. After the program, a light lunch was served in the dining hall. Mr. Stancliff Hale officiated as toast master, and many interesting speeches were heard from the Professors and Alumni.

**COLLEGE NOTES.**

The May social was held at the Cottage on the 22d.

Mr. Harry R. Luce will stay to the summer school.

Beardsley (at 11.30 A. M.) He is not dead but sleepeth.

Prof. Phelps intends to have the haying done this vacation.

Mr. Palmer Brewer spent Sunday with his former classmates.

Sun spots may be seen by the aid of a microscope.—Chapman.

The College orchestra will furnish the music for Commencement Day.

Mr. Valentine of Brooklyn, paid a visit to our Institution, Saturday, June 11.

Mr. Clarence B. Hawley has resigned his position here and will go into the book business.

The '99's set out their class tree between the Laboratory and Experiment a few days ago.

Max Shaffrath, '98, will graduate in the short course and will take a course in the Poughkeepsie Business College.

Mr. X. is the last number on your dancing program filled out? Miss Y. No, but I expect that it will be later.

The Senior class has been honored by receptions given to them by President Koons Prof. Phelps, Prof. Peebles and Prof. Gulley.

At the last meeting of the Board of Editors, N. J. Webb handed in his resignation as Editor of Athletics, and H. E. Outhrup, '98, was chosen to fill the vacancy.

The Alethia Literary Society held an open meeting at Grove Cottage, Saturday evening, May 23. A very good program was rendered, after which refreshments were served.

A picture of the track team was taken by Prof. Peebles a few days ago. The team had on their new uniforms with a quarter sleeve athletic sweater with a blue letter "S" sewed on the breast and blue athletic trousers.

Norm, pretty tie you've got there.

Coxey, yes, you don't know where I got it, though?

Norm, yes I do;

Coxey (doubtfully) where?

Norm, around your neck.

There has been quite a change in the boarding department lately. Mr. and Mrs. Murkett and Miss Wilson have left, and Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have been procured as cooks; Miss Brown to take Miss Wilson's place, and Mrs. Virginia Beam has been engaged as housekeeper.

During a meeting of the Shakespearean Club, held in the reception room recently, the members were shocked by the uncrowded entrance of a frog through the open window. One of the prominent members got up and excitedly exclaimed: "It is the duty of vice director to remove all obnoxious insects from the hall." The frog was duly expelled.

Memorial Day was observed here in a very impressive, though informal way. At six o'clock the students and a few others assembled in the College Chapel, and a few remarks fitting to the occasion were made by Prof. Peebles. A procession was then formed that marched to the soldier's grave. All went from the place impressed with the gravity of the occasion.

The reception given by the Junior's to the graduating class was a success. Dancing occupied the first part of the evening, and games were provided for the entertainment of those that did not dance. Supper came next, after which toasts were given. Dr. G. A. Waterman was toast master. Mr. Webb, president of the '98 class, gave a toast on "Our Seniors." Mr. Fitts, president of the '97's, responded by giving a toast on "Our Juniors." Prof. Peebles spoke on "S. A. C." This ended the program of the evening.
The fourth annual contest for the Ratcliffe Hicks prize was held in the College Chapel on May 28. This year the prize was offered for excellence in prose composition and oratory, instead of for prose composition alone, as formerly. Mr. Ralph D. Gilbert, '97, won the first prize. For the second place there was a tie between Mr. Louis F. Bancroft and Mr. Albert C. Gilbert. The manner in which the orations were delivered, showed that much time had been spent upon them, and great credit should be given to all the contestants for their good work.

On Sunday, May 23, while Geo. Hanks was driving by the College, his horse became frightened at some hurdles standing beside the road, and the carriage was overturned, and his sister and himself were thrown out. The carriage was slightly damaged and the occupants escaped without injury. Mr. Hanks asked the Athletic Association to pay the damages. This they refused to do, as they were not to blame for the accident, but offered to pay one-half the damage, but Mr. Hanks refused the offer. We were again called upon to pay the bill, which was $22.75. The Athletic Association again refused and withdrew their former offer. Mr. Hanks has threatened to take the matter to court if we do not settle with him by Tuesday, June 15.

We would like to know, what time Beard- sley will get up when he does not have to.

Why Garrigans and O'Brien have made an exchange of bicycles.

Why Vinton made that two base hit.

Why we have slumgullion for breakfast.

Why Kirkpatrick stays out so late nights.

Why Mr. Hanks don't get his indemnity?

Mr. Kirkpatrick's brother spent Sunday with us.

Why the Admiral was found back of the furnace.

Why the drill field has not been mowed this spring.

Why Bancroft's boat, being made of lead won't sink.

Why Prof. Phelps didn't meet the Juniors last week.

Why two young men are such good sprinters when occasion requires.

Why the '98's didn't have more bananas at their reception given to the Seniors.

Why Prof. Chamberlain don't have a few more men working for him on Saturday.

Why the faculty wanted to look over the papers prepared for class night by the Seniors.

PRIZE CONTEST.

Much enthusiasm was displayed this year in the contest for the Ratcliffe Hick's prize of $50.00 made permanent by a deposit of $1,000, 6 per cent. guaranteed interest drawing bonds, the interest of which is to be used annually for a prize in English.

The prize was instituted in 1894, and the contestants wrote on the subject, "What a Scientific Education Should do for the Practical Farmer."

The first prize of $30.00 was won by Miss Bessie A. Parker, '96, and the second of $20.00 by Seth H. Buell, '94. In 1894 the subject written on was: "The Application of Science to Our Daily Lives." A. J. Pierpont, '95, won the first prize and M. M. Frisbee, '95, the second.

In 1896 the subject written on was: "Some Important Elements of an Education." The winner of the first prize was Miss race E. Blakeman, '96, and the winner of the second was Howard G. Barber, '96.

This year, '97, the contest was made an oratorical one, as well as for English composition, and each contestant was privileged to select his own subject.

There were nine contestants, eight from the Senior and one from Sophomore class. The winner of the first prize was Mr. R. D. Gilbert, '97, and the winner of the second was a tie between A. C. Gilbert, '97 and Mr. L. F Bancroft, '98.

The essay written by Mr. Gilbert which took the first prize is printed below.

EDUCATION.

It is often said that a little education may be more dangerous than ignorance. This is partially true in the case of the anarchists and populists; men who have
obtained just enough education to think they have the ability to improve our present system of government, but are not well enough versed in history, to judge from the past what the result of their ideas would be if put into practice. But looking at education in a broader light, had our fore-fathers not been civilized and enlightened people, where would we be to-day? Where would this wonderful nation be if the untutored savages were the only inhabitants here? Would it not be just what it had been for centuries, and developed to the same degree it was when Columbus first sighted our shores?

If education plays such an important part in the development of our country, how much more important is it in the development of man, as free moral and social being?

One of the first things that the early settlers on Plymouth Bay did was to organize a school, for, being educated themselves, they recognized the fact that the welfare and the growth of the country depended very largely on the education of those who would soon fill their places. The story of "The little red school house on the hill" is woven into the history of those early days, and shines with the brilliancy of a sunbeam on the dark ocean waves of hardships, discouragements and failures.

It soon became evident that a higher education was needed than the common school afforded. Early in the year 1638, Harvard University was founded and since that time has been one of the foremost of American institutions for giving a classical education.

By the term education, I do not mean simply the learning and storing up of facts, as one may learn the multiplication tables; but I mean the development of the thinking powers, that which will enable the person to think for himself and reason out his own conclusions. Then he should know where to look to verify his conclusions and get further light on the subject. It is in gaining this kind of an education that the library and laboratory are so very helpful. We not only want educated minds but we want educated bodies; skillful persons who know how as well as why such a thing is done, or in other words, people who can practice what they preach.

Of the many things that enter into the make-up of a thorough education, perhaps the principal one is a determination on the part of the individual, to get the best education possible to prepare him for the place he is to fill in the world.

Some people say they can never master this or that science, but professors that have made teaching their life work, say that if a pupil can and will concentrate his thought on the subject at hand, he can always master it, although he may not become proficient in it.

It has been said that an attic and a pine knot to furnish the light to read by, are necessary for the making of a great man. While we do not believe this to be literally true, it is a well-known fact that the greatest men of this world do not come from homes of luxury and ease, but rather are men of humble birth who had a determination to have an education and so have fitted themselves to occupy places of honor and trust. Take for an example Abraham Lincoln—a man of humble birth who had to work hard when ten years old to help support the family, but one who had the necessary determination to get an education and so surmounted the many difficulties with which he was surrounded, and was placed in the highest position of trust and honor that his countrymen could offer him. He showed how thoroughly prepared he was to fill the position by the way he handled the reins of government.

At the present time a person must have an education for his foundation to be successful in life, and the better the foundation the higher he can rise, for there is always room at the top in every honorable profession, and as every young man aspires for great things in life, he cannot be too careful in seeing that his foundation be built of such material, as will stand the test when he is called upon for his best efforts.

Napoleon said that his success was all due to what he learned when a boy at school, and that his greatest victories were won in the school room years before he fought on the field. And so in nearly every
instance the success or failure which a person has in the combats of life, depends very largely upon his success or failure as a student. Education is the balance wheel that carries a man over many of the difficulties that would discourage those who did not have the balance wheel to keep things running harmoniously.

The uneducated person has a very narrow view of life and he cannot appreciate life, as the one who is conversant with the realm of nature. The person with the view of life and he cannot appreciate life, for the sole purpose of amassing a fortune, but he has higher aims in life and so finds more true enjoyment in living. He makes his brains serve his character simply furnishes another illustration where knowledge may be more injurious than ignorance. As the strength of a man is measured by its weakest part, we should be ever on our guard that the weak link in our education and life is not the link of character.

ATHLETICS.

Storrs vs. Willimantic High School, May 22, 1897.

The third game of the season was played on the home ground which resulted in a victory for Storrs by a score of 40 to 20. The game was very loosely played on both sides, but the heavy batting of the College boys won the game. Foskett at second played an errorless game. Comber's capture of a high foul after a long run was a surprise to everyone.

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STORRS VS. EAGLEVILLE.

On May 29, the College team went to Eagleville and suffered a defeat by Tolland County Consolidated. The principle features of the game were Hall's home run on a fly over left field fence, and Comber's superior work on first base. Chamberlain's inability to throw to second gave the Eagleville team a large advantage. The great surprise of the game was Manager Vinton's two base hit, instead of the customary strike out. This game showed a lack of practice on the part of the Storrs team.

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STORRS VS. W. H. S.

The Storrs boys drove to Willimantic and were defeated by the Willimantic High School in an interesting game. Storrs played a steady game until the eighth inning when they went to pieces, allowing W. H. S. to score nine runs and thus winning the game. Storrs lost the game through costly errors and failing to hit the ball when the bases were full. Both pitchers pitched a good game, but Bushnell was a little wild in the eight when he hit two men and gave a base on ball. In the last inning the W. H. S. had some assistance from the crowd. The Willimantic catcher seemed to have a great affinity for foul flies of which he caught five.

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ATHLETIC MEET.

STORRS VS. MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, MAY 31.

The first annual athletic meet of the New England Agricultural College Athletic Association was held at Willimantic. The contest began at 11.20 in a drizzling rain which dampened the ardor of both spectators and contestants and reduced the track to a sea of mud in which no records could be made. He first event on the program was the 100 yard dash, Dutcher, M. A. C., '99, first; Mansfield, S. A. C., '98, second; Beardsley, '97, our crack sprinter was not provided with running shoes, and the muddy condition of the track made it impossible for him to run. Amherst's other contestant was C. D. Gile, '00.

The hurdle race was very uneven, as both of the Storrs' men had the poor side of the track, but even with this handicap Johnson, '97, would have won second but for a slip in jumping the last hurdle which caused him to fall on his face, and before he could recover, the M. A. C. man passed him. Eaton, '98, first Gile, 1900, second; both M. A. C. men.

The mile run was interesting throughout, but by a too early sprint Bidwell was forced to take second place, Maynard, '99, M. A. C., first; Bidwell, '98, S. A. C., second.

The shot put (16 lbs.) was contested for by Webb, '98 and Clark, '00 for S. A. C. and Eaton, '98 and Stanley, '00 for M. A. C. The shot that has been used at Storrs in former years was a 12 pound one, and although Webb put it further than it was put in the public meet, he was unable to hit the mark of either of the Amherst men, their longest put being 33 feet.

The 220 yard dash was contested for by the same men as in the hundred yard dash, except Emrich, '97, run instead of Gile, '00. Dutcher, '99, M. A. C., won first; Mansfield, S. A. C., second.

The running broad jump was easily won by Beardsley, '97, S. A. C. The winner of second place was Goessmann, '97. The other jumpers were Johnson, '97 for S. A. C. and Emrich, '97 for M. A. C. Distance 17.61 feet.

The hammer throw was a walk-over for Amherst, their boys taking both points. Stanley, '00, first, with a throw of 83 feet; Baker, '00, second.

The bicycle race was won easily by Saunders, '00, the Aggie man who has a record of 2.10; Colburn, '00, M. A. C., second.

The mile walk was won easily by George Smith, S. A. C., '98; Cheney, M. A. C., '97, second. Johnson would have taken second but was thrown out for running.

The 440 yard dash was one of the prettiest races of the day. From the start Beardsley, S. A. C., '97, led, but when about fifty yards from the finish he crossed the track to gain better ground, but so much distance was lost in doing so that Eaton, M. A. C., '98, came in first with Beardsley a close second.

The pole vault was a walk over for Storrs, as both first and second places were captured at seven feet. Webb, S. A. C., '98 first with Mansfield '98, second.

The high jump was the most closely contested event of the contest. Webb, however, won it easily at five feet and two inches. Eaton, M. A. C., '98, captured second.


PROPOSED ATHLETIC LEAGUE BETWEEN THE STATE COLLEGES OF NEW ENGLAND.

For some time a league of the New England State Colleges has been talked of, and we are glad that such a league has been formed. The State Colleges of New Hamp-
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A. G. Gulley, Professor of Horticulture.
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shire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut were represented at a meeting held in Boston and formulated an agreement to be submitted to the various Colleges. The arrangement is not as yet permanent, but if a sufficient number of the State Colleges accept it, contests in football, baseball and a track meet will be held next year, and if it is successful it will be continued in years to come.

The general opinion of the students is that such a league would be of great benefit to the athletics of Colleges and could be successfully carried out with the aid of the alumni.

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