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THE ONLY WAY THE "BABY" IS EVER WHIPPED.

Clifton Park, N. Y., Dec. 20, 1899.

"After a thorough trial with the 'Baby' No. 1 and No. 7 separators, I have decided to keep the 'Baby,' the same making twelve ounces more butter from ninety-eight pounds of milk; the milk was equally divided and separated in four times. My wife says she would rather wash the 'Baby' than the U. S. Machine. It separates at the rate of three hundred and fifty pounds of milk per hour. It is a new 20th Century style, and I am well pleased with it after using it about two months."

HENRY THIEROLF.

Send for 1900 catalogue, giving capacities and prices of the 20th Century De Laval Separators.

Churns, Butter Workers, Butter Prints, Vats, etc., etc. We carry in stock a full line of Machinery and Apparatus for the manufacture of Butter and Cheese, both in Dairy and Factory.

Send for our No. 79 Catalogue of Creamery Goods; No. 150 of Dairy Appliances, or No. 99 on the Pasteurization of Milk and Cream.

MOSELEY & STODDARD MFG CO.,
RUTLAND, VERMONT.

THE ONLY WAY THE "BABY" IS EVER WHIPPED.

Shady Grove, Iowa, Jan. 4, 1900.

This is to certify that I was desirous of purchasing a farm cream separator and what I thought was the best. I tried the Springer, I soon learned I had no use for it. I investigated and found that the De Laval Alpha and the United States were both good standard machines. The De Laval Alpha agent was very positive that they had the only machine, also to prove it, was exceedingly anxious to have a contest with the United States. He was so anxious for a contest that I went with him to see the U. S. agent, and it was then and there all arrangements were made, rules governing the contest agreed to and signed in my presence by both parties. The rules were that each machine shall be operated under the rules sent out to the trade for operating each machine; capacity and efficiency in working determined by the Babcock test, and each contestant shall choose a judge, and these two shall choose a third, and not one of the three judges own a separator or are interested in one.

On date set for the contest all arrangements were completed, judges chosen, etc. At the last minute, the ALPHA AGENT BACKED OUT, positively refusing to operate as per articles signed and agreed to, but insisted upon conditions that were out of reason and that could not be found in their book of instructions. It looked to me like a big game of bluff. The Alpha man did not run a pound of milk.

The United States proceeded to run through all the milk that was brought for the contest, at varying temperatures, making the run in a creditable manner. The results were as follows:

Temperature of whole milk 80 degrees, skim milk test, trace, 0.025

Temperature of whole milk 70 degrees, skim milk test, trace, 0.03

Temperature of skim milk, very cold, 0.08

The United States was a No. 6, rated capacity 400 pounds, price $100.00. I will state in conclusion, I took the United States and recommend it to the trade.

BERT HAM, Judge.

The third judge, the one picked by the Alpha agent, is a buttermaker in a creamery and refused to sign the above statement on the ground that he was "working for a co-operative creamery and did not want to mix up." To which someone remarked, "If you did not want to mix up why did the Alpha man bring you out? Why did you not refuse to act as judge?"

He knew the contents of the paper and said it was all true, every word.

He took a sample of the skim milk at temperature of 72 degrees and his test was .025.

VERMONT FARM MACHINE CO., Bellows Falls, Vt.
C. A. C. LOOKOUT.

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PATRONS TAKE NOTICE!

Your Last Chance!

We cannot fill further orders for eggs for hatching purposes this season and have only a few more chicks to offer for sale.

Any patrons wishing for chicks will do well to send in their orders at once.

We have been much surprised at the demand made upon the Poultry Department this our first year. It is also very gratifying to see how the people of this state have embraced this opportunity to improve their stock. Next year we shall be able to serve you to better advantage, and have two breeding pens of each breed. By the 1st of June, 1900, we shall have some fine birds for sale of the breeds named below.

Light Brahmas,  
Black Langshans,  
White Plymouth Rocks,  
Rose Comb Black Minorcas,  
White Wyandottes,  
Barred Plymouth Rocks,  
Rose Comb Brown Leghorns,  
White Pekin Ducks.

Our prices are low for residents of the State, as it is our aim to enable the farmers to produce profitably eggs and poultry in place of that imported into our State.

You are cordially invited to come and look over our stock, or send for circulars stating prices.

Address, Poultry Department,  
THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.  
STORRS, CONN.
In this number we publish a review of our baseball season. Though from the number of its victories it was not a perfect success, it was comparatively as good, if not better, than all preceding baseball teams.

In the LOOKOUT for January, 1900, an appeal was made to the alumni asking them to contribute articles to be published in our paper. Since then we have received just one selection; this was received from F. F. Bushnell '97.

The alumni are free enough in criticizing the entire make up of our paper, and especially the "Alumni Notes." We want these criticisms, but we think that our graduates might be a little more liberal with their pens and let us hear from them by writing articles for publication.

It has come to be nearly the common sentiment among the undergraduates here to think that whatever criticisms the LOOKOUT may offer should be directed chiefly against the faculty.

We do not think so, but we do expect to criticise honestly where we think it is needed.

One of the things that the student body ought to be ashamed to have criticised is their unexcusable lack of college spirit.

Any visitor would only have to look at the bulletin board to know that the college organizations are not properly
supported, the Athletic Association in particular.

The teams are not supported as they should be, either financially or in the various other ways that every student can help his college on to victory.

Every person that desires to see this institution come to the front should take a greater interest in its athletics. Those that can, should be out to practice every afternoon, and those that circumstances will not permit should be found on the side lines at every game cheering their team to better work.

Some of the boys have been heard to remark that they cannot yell and sit on the wall and talk to the girls too. Now if this be so, and doubtless it is, it lies in a large way with the girls to keep the proper college cheers going during the game.

So the one thing that we ought to make noticeable to visiting teams this fall should be not the mild enthusiasm of an occasional yell, but show them the pride that is really taken in all of our teams.

In one respect the college has a deplorable lack of system or management in the method it gives the students and the various departments of getting their oil.

We have a tank that is open to all, and anyone can go there and get kerosene whenever he wants to. If the students alone used oil from this tank, it would not be so unfair, for they all use very nearly the same amount.

The unfairness creeps in when the other departments are allowed to get their supply without any record of how much they take.

For example a fair estimate of what the poultry department uses would put it at about ten times that used in Grove Cottage. And without a record of the amount taken how can the department pay what it ought to?

The students who use far less than any one of the departments do not stand any chance of getting oil they do not pay for; but they do get opportunities to furnish oil to hatch chickens and for various other things that they should not.

We are glad to note, however, that the management has devised a new plan for students "lights," which is soon to go into effect, and the above criticism will apply only to the past and not to the future.

In a recent number of the *Lookout* there was an editorial comment on the need of a college song. We wish to strengthen that appeal by adding a final request to the students to think this matter over and during the rest of the vacation at least one song ought to be composed to stimulate next fall's football team toward greater victory.

It has been suggested that we offer a prize for the best song, but we do not think it best to do so. This paper is not carried on for financial gain, but in the interest of the college, and it is to every student's interest to have a college song.

What we want is a song that is full of inspiration and then have it backed with forty or fifty good voices. This will often turn a defeat to victory for it will remind every player that he is not playing entirely for fun but for the honor of his Alma Mater.
A gentleman in Sheffield has made a most important discovery of manuscript connected with the late Lord Tennyson. We believe that the find includes much correspondence between Arthur Hallam and Tennyson, as well as drafts of some of Tennyson’s early poems. The correspondence is perhaps too sacredly private for publication. In any case, no final decision has been reached.—Bookman, p. 293, June, 1900.

“Quo Vadis,” which was dramatized by Miss Jeanette L. Gilder, has finished its run of the Herald Square Theater. The Bookman (p. 296) says that it has been very successful and was one of the few dramatizations which did not disappoint admirers of the book.

Speaking of “Quo Vadis,” reminds me of Daudet’s “Sapho.” Our readers know what a sensation the dramatization of that book created. The play “Sapho” was an entirely different thing from the book “Sapho.” Many who read of the play, read the book. The harm was that they read the book for the sensual things in it, things which in themselves were not immoral but might be easily turned that way by a bad minded reader. “Sapho” as written by Daudet the Book Lover found pure and beautiful, but as dramatized it is lewd.

Max O’Reill’s recent novel, “Women and Artist,” recalls to our mind a little personal experience of our own, says The Bookman. “Some years ago we were thrown much into the society of a very charming but also very talkative lady, who amiably confessed that there had been a time when the consciousness of her own volubility was a little embarassing, but that she had since learned to appreciate properly what it is to be a ‘fine conversationist.’ We shared the appreciation. As she acknowledged herself to be a lady of strong literary tastes we once asked her opinion of Max O’Reill, to which she replied by professing her unqualified admiration for ‘his little Irish stories.’”—Bookman p. 298.

In the introduction to the “Letters of R. L. Stevenson” Mr. Sidney Colvin gives a bit of news that has been much commented upon. He says: “Two volumes of letters . . . to be preceded by a separate volume of narrative and critical memoir, or étude—such was to be the memorial of my friend which I had planned, and hoped by this time to have ready. Unfortunately, the needful leisure has hitherto failed me, and might fail me for sometime yet, to complete the separate volumes of biography. That is now, at the wish of the family, to be undertaken by Stevenson’s cousin and my friend, Mr. Graham Balfour.”—Bookman p. 313, June, 1900.

This task was first offered to Lloyd Osbourne, Stevenson’s son-in-law, when it was seen that Mr. Colvin could not write it. Mr. Osbourne feared that his devotion to his step-father’s memory would make him partial and so would hinder him from writing the kind of book the public wanted. Mr.
Balfour was a contemporary of Mr. Stevenson and lived at Vailma with him for several years, and he knew the author in his prime. Mr. Balfour is capable of doing justice to Stevenson; his book may not have the high literary merits of Mr. Colvin's work, but it will be true, unprejudiced and give a more intimate picture of the man.

"The book, when completed, will be of unusual interest and value, for Stevenson was certainly the most romantic figure of the modern literary world."

The following are the six books that have sold best in the United States during the month of May.

1. "To Have and to Hold."—Johnson.
4. "Janice Meredith."—Ford.
5. "When Knighthood Was in Flower."—Caskoden.

When the list of the six best selling books in our May number was made up and it was found that Mr. Major's "When Knighthood was in Flower" was included, it required only a glance through the earlier volumes of The Bookman to assure us that all records had been broken. At the time of writing we are unable to say what place "When Knighthood was in Flower" will have in the lists at the end of our present issue, but whether or not the book holds its popularity through the summer months, to take a new leap into popular notice when the dramatization of the story is presented in the autumn. Mr. Major has the satisfaction of knowing that the record of fourteen consecutive months among the six best selling books is unprecedented. The book first appeared in the list of April, 1899, in which month it occupied fifth place. In May of that year it was fourth; the following month it reached second place, which it held until last autumn. Although "When Knighthood was in Flower" has never headed the list, it has been four times second, five times third, three times fourth, once fifth and once sixth. It occupied a higher position in May, 1900, than in April, 1899, and the period of its popularity has been one noted for the number of very successful books.—Bookman, p. 304–305. June, 1900.

Selected and Contributed by "Patrick," 'oo.

ATHLETICS.

Base ball is over. Football next.

The game with M. A. C. was the poorest game which we have played this season. The Amherst team made four runs in the third inning and we could not catch up with them. After the third inning McLean held them down to two hits. Our fellows did no seem to "catch on" to Bodfish's curves.

Score by innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
C. A. C....0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0--2
M. A. C....1 0 4 2 0 0 1 0 0--8

C. A. C. vs. Pomfret, at Pomfret. This was the best played game of the season. The pitching of Moriarty was fine, he holding the Pomfret team down to two hits.
Score by innings | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9
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C. A. C. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9
Pomfret | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2

C. A. C. vs. R. I. C., at Kingston. The pitching of Moriarty was above the usual standard. The whole team got rattled in the seventh inning and allowed R. I. C. three runs, which made them one ahead. Save this it was a perfect game.

Score by innings | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9
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C. A. C. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3
R. I. C. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4

C. A. C. vs. Willimantic High School. This was the last game of the season. In this game McLean struck out eleven men, while his opponent struck out only five. The playing of the Willimantic team was rather loose and not up to its regular standard.

Score by innings | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9
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C. A. C. | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11
W. H. S. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1

The batting and fielding averages are as follows:

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The team has been helped greatly by Moriarty, who is a pitcher of high standing. He knows the game thoroughly and will be a great benefit to next year's team.

Football is the next sport to engage our attention and efforts. It is hoped that the team this year will far exceed any team which we have ever put out. It is requested by the management that candidates for next year's team should be back one week before the fall term commences, so as to get in some hard practice. The management has arranged a strong schedule and he will have to have the support of the students both financially and in other ways. The management also requests the players to abstain from the use of tobacco.

We shall miss the services of Lyman, Bishop, Osmun, Edmunds, Emmons and Williams, all good men, who were the backbone of the '99 team, and it will require an extra effort by the remaining men to keep up the standard set by that team.

Blakeslee has been elected captain of next year's football team.

The baseball team of this season has been the best one that the college has ever put out. We had the advantage over last year's team by having a coach. The fielding averages of this year showed better playing than our teams have shown before.

The individual players this year were better qualified for their positions than those of last year. The coach had all the men out every night after work to go through some hard practice. We lose the services of Lyman and Bishop for the team next year.

The team was as follows: Lyman, c.; Moriarty, p., 3b.; Downing, s. s.; Bishop, 1b.; Karr, 2b., l. f.; McLean, 3b., p.; Blakeslee, 2b., 3b.; Pratt, c. f.; Harvey, r. f.

The individual playing has far exceeded that of any preceding teams. The schedule of this year was very good, there being some very hard games.
There's an old saw tells us plainly, poets are not made, but born.

So to show I've no birthday, I bring this tale forlorn.

It's about poetic license that the critics rave and shout,

But, as Mansfield's strictly temperance, I have had to do without.

A youth at our dear college was reclining on his bunk,

Ruminating on the causes of a grand and final flunk.

And a classmate stood beside him, as he groaned and sighed away,

And knelt with pitying glances to hear what he might say.

"Tell my teachers not to weep for me, nor sadly shake their head,

For I don't blame them one atom, when all is done and said.

For they taught their subjects bravely, and when the day was done

'Twas not their fault I was not smart as any mother's son.

No; never did athletics drive the knowledge from my head,

Nor "up late," nor "early rising," for I always loved my bed.

It was not due to "smoking," for I never use the weed;

Nor to yellow-covered novels, for I hardly ever read

Anything except my textbooks, with a little, now and then

Of that charming "Pilgrim's Progress," lightly flung from Bunyan's pen.

Now bend lower, dear old comrade, and I'll whisper in your ear,

What I fear you'll never ponder until it brings you here.

If you'd save your peace of spirit and remain forever free,

Bravely shun coeducation, for that's what's 'done for me.

If you need some one to love you and to drive away your gloom,

Invest in a good Maltese cat and keep her in your room.

She will love you, she will charm you, and keep away the rats,

And all you need to tame her, is two or more brick bats.

Wait till college days are over; and, if you must have a wife,

To pilot you and guard you through this long and weary life,

If you like domestic quietness and fear a revolution,

Don't select one from a college where they study elocution.

For in good old times, when arguing, poor man was never in it,

And with later-day advantages she'd "down him" in a minute.

A "fool's paradise" our life is at this Agricultural College,

When one devotes to gayeties what time should go to knowledge.

Take a warning from my statements, and the fix in which you find me,

And as you struggle gaily sing "the girls I left behind me."

Do not, like the Hebrew, Jacob, sell your birthright for some pottage,

But as long as you're a student, know but little of "Grove Cottage."

His eyes were fixed and glassy, his voice was faint and weak.

His ungrateful words had choked him. He died and ceased to speak.

Weep no more my gentle readers, don't shed tears at such a rate,

For my hero now is happy. He's beyond the "Pearly Gate."

J. H. Blakeslee, '01.
At the annual meeting of the Alumni Association, June 13, 1900, R. J. Pierpont, '95, was re-elected president, and C. R. Green, '95, secretary. A. C. Gilbert, '97, was elected treasurer.

'88. A daughter was born to Prof. and Mrs. Wheeler on July 21, at their new home in Spring Hill.

'94. M. M. Frisbie visited the college recently.

'94. Miss Louise Rosebrooks made us a short visit on July 24.

'97. R. D. Gilbert, who entered the senior class at Amherst in September, 1899, graduated last June with the degree B. S.

'97. B. S. Taylor is working at J. H. Hale's nursery at South Glastonbury, Conn.

'98. C. G. Smith will return in the fall to take a post-graduate course, preparatory to entering the senior class at Amherst "Aggie" the following year.

'98. George Smith is studying to be a civil engineer. He is now working for the city civil engineer of Derby, Conn.

'99. F. D. Clapp is employed by a florist in Cromwell, Conn.

'99. A. F. Green is still in pursuit of H. E. Atwood, '97. He has accepted Atwood's position at Whittimore's private dairy, Middlebury, Conn.

'99. G. H. Miner and C. Way, both expect to enter Cornell next fall to take the Veterinary Course.

'00. Three of the '00 young ladies intend to teach school next fall; Miss G. E. Grant in Mt. Hope; Miss E. B. Mason near Four Corners, and Miss E. M. Nason in Atwoodville.

'00. F. J. Baldwin, E. S. Bishop, and H. D. Edmund are working at home on their fathers' farms at present.

'00. Hester Hall is at home keeping house for her father.

'00. Anna Jacobson and Edith Latimer intend to enter the Boston Y. W. C. A. School of Domestic Science next fall.

'00. I. C. Karr is at present employed in the Farm Department. Next year he will take a post-graduate course in mechanical and free hand drawing and mathematics, after which he will enter a college of Civil Engineering.

'00. H. P. D. Emmons, who is now at home, will enter the Connecticut Literary Institution at Suffield in the fall.

'00. A. V. Osmon is employed at Storrs Experiment Station for the summer.

'00. H. G. Williams, who is now helping his father at market gardening, intends to enter Cornell in the fall.

The following is a list, perhaps incomplete, of the alumni who were present at their Alma Mater at commencement time: C. H. Savage '88, C. A. Wheeler, '88, C. B. Pomeroy '90, C. W. Eddy '93, M. M. Frisbie '93, M. H. Parker '93, Miss L. J. Rosebrooks '94, W. A. Warren '94, A. J. Pierpont '95.

'97. Mr. Luce was visiting in Willington during the last week of July.

'97-'98. (Special Cable from the Associated Press.) The home of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Webb has been gladdened by the recent arrival of a baby boy.

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**COLLEGE NOTES.**

The summer term opened July 9th. There were twelve who answered to the roll call. Among them was Mr. C. S. Fitts, ex-'00, who has come back to complete his course with the class of 1901.

The summer term is an enjoyable one because we come in contact with all the things of nature that are around us, and now that labor is not compulsory we have much more time to put on our outside work.

There is not an over supply of girls here this summer, but our expert wheelmen can be seen speeding away toward Willimantic, while those that use the ankle air line have to take up with South Coventry and other neighboring towns.

**NOTICE.**

Beware when you air your beds and do not leave them out through the day, for there is free transportation to the "dissection house."

The Wild Man's glee club meets daily in front of the N. D. at 11:30 o'clock p. m. Any one wishing to join please hand in his name and recommendations.

Prof. Gulley made a visit to his alma mater, Michigan Agricultural College. He also visited many other state colleges, being absent from home about a month.

Prof. W. A. Stocking and Miss II. M. Bliss were married at Binghampton, N. Y., July 27, 1900. Mrs. J. H. Bliss has come to live with them at Storrs.

Prof. Peebles has recently moved to Spring Hill.

The construction of the agricultural building and the annex of the church are being rapidly pushed along, and no doubt will be completed by the opening of the fall term.

Extensive repairs are being made in both dormitories.
One of the carpenters is said to have remarked that he knows no way to make the doors man-proof except for the inmates of the rooms to carry a Colt's revolver.

Miss Bertha Dallas spent two weeks at the college visiting her brother, Rod­
erick Dallas.

Miss Neale, sister of Mrs. Knowles, and Mr. Englekee have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Knowles.

Mrs. N. S. Mayo is taking a course in ornithology with the seniors.

Mr. Max Shaffrath is taking special work in entomology and ornithology.

Mr. H. R. Monteith of Unionville, Conn., is to take the place vacated by Miss L. J. Barber, resigned.

Miss L. J. Barber is staying at Grove Cottage; also Mrs. Dr. Wilcox of Wil­limantic. They are the only two inmates of the cottage.

The farm department has made extensive purchases in the line of agricultural and farm implements. Their chief object is to find out which are the best and then recommend them to the students.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Chamberlin are visiting his brother in North Brook­field, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fenn have been hired by the college. Mr. Fenn is to take the place of Mr. Clark as janitor and Mrs. Fenn is to have charge of the dining hall and be general housekeeper in the boarding department.

Miss Jessie Spencer Bowen, librarian of the college for three years, was mar­ried to Mr. Clayton F. Palmer of Stock­bridge, Mass., Sunday, July 29, by the Rev. Mr. Trowbridge, pastor of the church at Eastford, the home of the bride. The wedding ceremony was performed in the church at the close of the morning service. The church was beautifully and tastefully decorated with ferns and sweet pea blossoms, and the happy candidates bore themselves with becoming grace. The Episcopal service was used in the ceremony. The bride and groom will make their tour in company with the bride's parents to Denver, Colorado, where they will spend their honeymoon, followed by the best wishes of the whole college. Mr. Palmer will continue his work at the Pennsylvania Normal School Sep­tember first.

BRIDAL ODE.
DEDICATED TO MISS JESSIE SPENCER BOWEN.
A "A. Annie Laurie."

As you stand before the altar,
Bridal roses in your hand,
Your fa'ring lips soft murmuring
Love's hymnal sweet and grand,
Love's hymnal sweet and grand,
We'll crown you queen of all
The lovely throng of bonnie brides
That Cupid's chains enthrall.

The future opes before you
With gems of promise rare;
May you reap abundant harvest,
A glorious fruitage bear,—
A glorious crowning share
By that throne all thrones above,
In the realms of endless beauty,
The realms of boundless love.
Our college owes much to the Granges of the State.

Amid all the adverse criticisms and insinuations of its "over endowments" by the state legislature, the granges have done what they could to mitigate this criticism and enlighten those, within their sphere of influence, in regard to the true state of things. Nor have they been less enthusiastic when the institution has taken steps to place itself in the rank of other colleges, of like opportunities, whether in the aspect of agricultural or educational progress.

During last commencement week I chanced (as did many others) to hear a prominent granger of the state say that it is the duty, which they owe to the state, of the graduates of this college to become intelligent, progressive farmers.

Whether this statement was the expression of the united sentiment of the granges of the state, I do not know; but coming as it did from one in such high authority, is what impressed me so much.

Presuming then, that it is accepted by the majority, I believe it is not overstating the matter, to say that unquestionably, that sentiment is the greatest handicap which our college has to encounter.

Why should the state expect every graduate of this institution to become a farmer.

The idea that this college should be kept wholly on an agricultural basis is entirely inconsistent with educational thought and progress. The college catalogue, the LOOKOUT, and other advertising media, which the college employs, offer a liberal education to the industrial classes of the state. And this offer, of course, is based on the original Morrill bill which defines the courses of study to be, besides agriculture and kindred sciences, the mechanic arts and the English language.

It cannot be possible that agriculture comprises the only industry any more than it is possible that every boy brought up on a farm, or near one, or even if he attends an agricultural college, will be or desires to be a farmer.

It is a fact, not to be doubted that the instruction in agriculture here will in most cases, detract from rather than add to the inducement for the boys to become farmers.

They know that the soil and climatic conditions of New England are not entirely favorable to the successful pursuit of this occupation; and that to engage in it successfully requires great resources, both personal and financial.

It must be granted that without a desire to engage in any occupation, it is futile to attempt it.

Can the state, then, or any one, blame the boys for not desiring to be successful farmers, when they know that will be the inevitable outcome?

It may be argued that with the knowledge the graduate has he should be the more capable of making this occupation successful whether he is so inclined or not.

That may be true; but have we not scattered out through New England,
monuments enough, to this sentiment, in the dilapidated houses on neglected farms, without adding more to increase such poverty of the commonwealth by urging our boys to engage unsuccessfully in this occupation?

I believe we lose quite a number of students because the people of the state think this is a place where boys learn to "farm it" and the girls to be farmers wives.

Does not, then, this sentiment withhold from many the benefits which the college is endeavoring to give to the people of the state?

The Grange has reason to be proud of what it has done for the institution; but it should not let its prejudice for agriculture be a stumbling block to the only college of which the state can boast as its own.

The college is trying to give such knowledge as will make true men and women of its students. And that is the only duty which the graduate owes to the state—to be a true man, or a true woman.

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COLLEGE AND SUCCESS.

President B. I. Wheeler of the University of California to the question "Is scholarship a promise of success in life?" gives the following answer:

"There are individual cases, as every one knows, of success from the lowest third of the class, and the comment of surprise gives them luster. I believe they are comets, however. In my observation, the successful men come chiefly from the first third. When the high scholar turns out a common place man, as he not infrequently does, the dunces have their delight, and the one exception outweighs five illustrations of the rule.

"A college man wins in life not by virtue of the special knowledge he has acquired so much as by the habits he has formed. Habits of mind involve an attitude toward truth. Habits of thinking involve a control of the mental processes. Habits of work involve sense of time and for duty. A man who does things at the time when they ought to be done is likely to be wanted. It is the men who are wanted who are the successes. The men who are forever toiling to create a demand for themselves, they are the nuisances. The best scholars succeed best in life chiefly, I believe, because they have been most regular and punctual in doing their college work. My experience with college students teaches me that they are intellectually much nearer a level than their achievements indicate. It is power of will more than power of mind that differentiates them. Must and ought have fifty times more stuff in them than might and could. I have known men of the superbst equipment and the finest intellectual and athletic training who were of no possible use for any other sublunar purpose, because they could not be relied upon to keep an appointment or to do anything."

THE LEGEND OF ATLANTIS.

Eternal peacefulness and calm,
Beneath the Ocean's heaving tide,
Enfold Atlantis, and embalm
Her towered walls and portals wide.
A gloomy splendor seems to glow
O'er all the place, but not a breath,
Nor sound of joy nor sound of woe,
Disturbs this Paradise of Death.

Within those walls, a city fair
Is seen, with pinnacle and tower.
And palace-hall and garden, where
The fountain plays beside the bower.
But all are draped in sea-moss gray,
And sea-moss overhangs the wall,
And gray sea-moss the fountains play,
And mournful sea-moss clings to all.

Coral trees the garden shade,
And in the branches coral birds
Thrill their throats with songs unmade,
Songs once sweeter far than words.
Below them, in the shadowy gloom,
With glittering pearly drops of dew,
The coral-petalled flowers bloom,
Fresh with never-fading hue.

Beneath an archway long and low
A river runs, and murmurs low
Its waters flow, or seem to flow,
In soft and silent placidness.
Around a boat the waters splash,
And gleam behind, a glistening wake;
Before the bow, with shimmering flash,
The dancing ripples rise and break.

But alabaster is the stream,
The forms that in the boat recline
Are marble forms, that coldly gleam,
Though warm with youth their faces shine.
They seem a lover and his love,
For on her cheek he strives to press
His lips, that linger still above,
And cannot give the fond caress.

Upon the archway long and low,
A legend strange is writ in gold:
"When yonder boat shall glide below
This arch, and yonder youth shall fold
The maiden in his arms, the spell
That holds Atlantis fair shall cease.
Till then no power in Heaven or Hell
The dread enchantment shall release."

A thousand weary years have gone,
But all unaltered is the scene,
For still the boat sails slowly on
Amid the alabaster's sheen;
And still the lover seeks his bliss,
To print his eager, useless kiss,
His kiss that ever falls in vain.

And still a somber peace and calm,
Beneath the Ocean's heaving tide,
Enfolds Atlantis and embalm
Her towered walls and portals wide;
And sad and solemn splendor glow
O'er all the place, but not a breadth,
Nor sound of joy, nor sound of woe,
Disturbs this Paradise of Death.

W. R. F.
In the June number of the "Education," Pres. J. A. Baker writes an article on "Greek in Curriculum."

He discusses the subject very ably, and acknowledging the disciplinary value of a study of Greek, he declares that "Greek is not necessary in the high school curriculum of to-day."

He gives many reasons for making this assertion. I quote the following:

"The study of Greek is almost wholly disciplinary or cultural, and is almost destitute of practical value; secondly, actual life has never made it necessary; thirdly, through Greek or Latin or both does not lie the best or quickest road to a mastery of English."

He still carries the question further and says: "English cannot be learned by studying any other language than English. Would a man study the physiology of a horse or the anatomy of the extinct mastodon in order to understand his own?"

Pres. J. A. Baker closes his article with the following words:

"Greek art, Greek literature and the Greek language have played an important part in the world's progress. I would not detract one iota from their value and their honor. We are what we are to-day because of them, but the traditional idea handed down from the monasteries of Europe—that is, the necessity of a long course in the dead languages—must go. Mathematics, the science of truth, and the life-giving sciences must take the place of the husks and dry bones. The age demands men and women who are not alone conversant with the past, but who are students of the history of present events, events grander and more sublime than any that ever happened in the time of Shadrach and Abednego."

The Trinity College Library has recently received a valuable gift from Hon. J. M. Allen, president of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company.

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Pres. J. M. Allen will also add to this gift, during his life the volumes which will be issued annually during his life.

This gift is a highly appreciable one, and will be used by many generations of students.

Contributed by E. T. Kuzirian.
UPON OUR SHOULDERS.

We as Seniors of The Connecticut Agricultural College little realize the responsibility that lies upon our shoulders. We have completed three years of hard work, and know many things which can be improved, and have also seen many mistakes made by previous Senior classes.

It is the duty of every Senior to carry himself in a manner be-fitting a Senior and to set an example to the under classes; so that when they become Seniors, they may follow in our footsteps, or do better.

We should make our last year in college the best year in every way. We should not be prejudiced against our teachers because they are doing the best they can for us. We should help them in every way to preserve order, and attendance in the classroom.

As students we little appreciate how fast the time goes in college, till after we have parted with the institution. Little do we know how much our parents have sacrificed for us on education. If we "fool" our time away, and do not get anything out of the course it is our own fault.

Recently a young graduate came to me and said "Do not fool your time away in the classroom. I sincerely wish I had worked harder, and I think we should not forget one of our old maxims, 'Forewarned is to be forearmed.'"

As the years fly by education is of greater value to a young man, for plenty of men are waiting for a good position in the world. If we make a good record in college it will help us a great deal in after life.

The habits we form at college will generally hold fast to us. Let us, therefore, form good habits, so that we may become good citizens of our state.

A college is generally known by its Seniors. The Seniors set the pace in everything; and a good Senior class that does good work in the classroom, will advertise the college more than a dozen volumes of catalogues.

Let us as Seniors realize the responsibilities we have on our shoulders, and meet them squarely, and we shall be an honor to our college, and better citizens of our state and country.

C. W. FAIRCHILD, '01.
LOOKOUT.

A SUMMER IDYL.

On the mountain,
In the meadow.
By the river, deep and still;
By the crystal-flowing fountain,
In the leafy bower's shadow,
Where the ferns, 
And where the grasses,
In the streamlet's wandering turns,
There I love to roam at morn.

On the hill-side,
'Neath the maple,
In it's cool, refreshing shade;
Stretched at ease upon the rill-side,
Looking down upon the steeple,
White and tall.

And on the river,
Winding onward toward the fall,
Watching how its ripples shiver,
There I love at noon to lie.

In the hay-field,
Where the mowers
Have with scythe cut down the grass,
And their shouts have far away peale!
Urging haste for fear of showers;
Where in heaps the fragrant clover
With sweet scent the cool air steeps,
Hand in hand with my true lover,
There at eve I love to stroll.

W. K. F.

HOW JIMMIE TENDED THE BABY.

I never could see the use of babies. We have one at our house that belongs to mother, and she thinks everything of it. I can't see anything wonderful about it. All it can do is to cry, and pull hair, and kick. It hasn't half the sense of my dog, and can't even chase a cat. Mother and Sue wouldn't have a dog in the house, but they are always going on about the baby, and saying, "Ain't it perfectly sweet?"

The worst thing about a baby is, that you are expected to take care of him, and then you get scolded afterward. Folks say, "Here, Jimmy, just hold the baby a minute, there's a good boy," and then, as soon as you have got it, they say, "Don't do that! Just look at him! That boy will kill the child! Hold it up straight, you good-for-nothing little wretch!" It's pretty hard to do your best, and then be scolded for it; but that is the way boys are treated. Perhaps after I'm dead, folks will wish they had done differently.

Last Saturday, mother and Sue went out to make calls, and told me to stay at home and take care of the baby. There was the base-ball match, but what did they care for that? They didn't want to go to it, and so it made no difference whether I went to it or not. They said they would be gone only a
little while, and if the baby waked up, I was to play with it, and keep it from crying, and ‘‘be sure and not let it swallow any pins.’’ Of course I had to do it. The baby was sound asleep when they went out; so I left it just a few minutes, while I went to see if there was any pie in the pantry. If I was a woman, I wouldn’t be so dreadfully suspicious as to keep everything locked up. When I got back upstairs again, the baby was awake, and was howling like he was full of pins. So I gave him the first thing that came handy, to keep him quiet. It happened to be a bottle of French polish, with a sponge on the end of a wire, that Sue uses to black her boots, because girls are too lazy to use the regular brush. The baby stopped crying as soon as I gave him the bottle, and I sat down to read a paper. The next time I looked at him, he had got out the sponge, and about half his face was jet black. This was a nice fix, for I knew nothing could get the black off his face, and when mother came she would say the baby was spoiled, and I had done it. Now I think an all black baby is ever so much more stylish than an all white baby, and when I saw that the baby was part black, I made up my mind that if I blacked it all over it would be worth more than it ever had been, and perhaps mother would be ever so much pleased. So I hurried up, and gave it a good coat of black.

You should have seen how that baby shined! The polish dried as soon as it was put on, and I had just time to get baby dressed again, when mother and Sue came in. I wouldn’t lower myself to repeat their unkind language. When you have been called a murdering little villain, and an unnatural son, it will rankle in your heart for ages.

After what they had said to me, I didn’t even seem to mind father, but went up stairs with him almost as if I was going to church, or something that didn’t hurt much. The baby is beautiful and shiny, though the doctors say it will wear off in a few years. Nobody shows any gratitude for all the trouble I took, and I can tell you it isn’t easy to black a baby without getting it into his eyes and hair. I sometimes think it is hardly worth while to live in this cold and unfeeling world.

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