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The AGRICULTURAL CLUB AT CONNECTICUT.

By L. F. Lawrence, '17.

It seems fitting, under the circumstances, to take a little time and space in which better to acquaint our new men with the Agricultural Club—its purpose, aims and ideals.

It is difficult to say just where and when the germ of the Agricultural Club came into existence. Probably it had always existed—all it needed was a little stimulation.

This stimulation came to the Connecticut Agricultural College at an indefinite period—probably in the latter part of 1907 or the spring of 1908. From all appearances the stimulus was not strong enough or the time was inopportune. At any rate, the idea, or rather the suggestion, failed to mature.

The seed had been sown, however, and three years later it bore fruit. A few of the men had been interested in the formation of a club and had worked hard to achieve that end. In the early spring of 1911 a letter was received from the New England Federation of Agricultural Students urging that a delegate be sent to the convention soon to be held at Durham, N. H.

By this time the students had become convinced that an Agricultural Club was an essential to the development of the college and this letter served to fix the idea.

On the 21st day of March, 1911, a meeting was called for the purpose of organizing and to elect a delegate to the convention. Quite a number of the fellows turned out and an enthusiastic meeting resulted. Dean Beach and Professor Truman were present and aided materially with their valuable suggestions. A delegate was elected and after plans for the new club had been discussed, the meeting adjourned.

The club seemed to fill a long-felt want of the students and was enthusiastically received. On May 3, a constitution was read, adopted and signed by thirty-five charter members. Such were the beginnings of the Agricultural Club of the Connecticut Agricultural College.

Assuredly, the Agricultural Club need not offer an excuse for existing in any agricultural college. It is as essential to a college like ours as it is a Political Club to a political party. The two go hand in hand and the presence of one is of incalculable value to the other.

The preamble of the constitution adopted in 1911 reads as follows: "We, the members of the Connecticut Agricultural Club of the Connecticut College, in order to secure a higher degree of social, literary and scientific knowledge, to discuss agricultural topics and familiarize ourselves with the use of Parliamentary law, do ordain and establish this constitution and the by-laws."

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The Club also makes provision for the entertainment and education of those not fortunate enough to make the judging teams. Each Fall a Corn and Fruit Show is held and in the spring comes a stock-judging contest. Both of these affairs, while of but recent origin, have been appreciated by the students and it is the aim of the Club to continue them this year with the addition of several new features which will undoubtedly make them doubly attractive.

In a brief way we have attempted to outline the aims of the Club. They are quite feasible and with the whole-hearted cooperation of the students, the year 1915-1916 will go down in the annals of the Agricultural Club as one of, if not the most successful in its history.

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