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Hon. Samuel J. Bennett, Executor,

Georgetown, Conn.

My dear Sir:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Control of the Connecticut Agricultural College, the Trustees approved of a plan to establish a practical school of agriculture at Gilbert Farm. The school will be patterned after the practical Farm School at Doylestown, Pa. Boys will be given practical instruction in poultry keeping, the care of live stock, gardening, fruit growing and general farming. The school will be open to boys sixteen years of age resident of Connecticut and there will be no charge for tuition. The members of the Board feel that in adopting this policy, they are carrying out the intent of the late Mr. Gilber, as expressed in his will "that the income from the endowment shall be used for the maintenance of the farm herein bequeathed and for instruction in the science of agriculture as taught by the said College."

A special committee of the Board of Trustees has been appointed to have charge of Gilbert Farm and the proposed Gilbert Farm School. The Committee consists of Charles E. Lyman, Chairman, Middletown, Conn., E. Kent Hubbard, Jr., Middletown, Conn. and the President of the Agricultural College.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) C. L. Beach.

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President