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EDITORIALS.

"It is to be regretted that we were born so soon." So says some of the '97 class, "If we could only be boys again ten or fifteen years hence, and be students at S. A. C. once more, we would find ourselves in one of the best if not the leading agricultural college of the country."

The new government fund is of great benefit to the college. Scarcely a month goes by but what some new improvement is seen.

One of the latest additions is a new portable engine.

Its chief use will be to run the separators, churns, etc., in the new dairy building.

For a description of the engine see another column.

Ho! for a printing press. Through the influence of Prof. Peebles, who has had some experience as a printer, we shall without much doubt, have a press at our command in time for our next issue.

We expect to pass a number of evenings and Saturday afternoons as typesetters, printer's "devils," "pi" makers, etc., before we become proficient in the art.

Work has just begun upon the new forge shop. It will be completed before the coldest weather arrives.

Blacksmithing is a trade of which every farmer's son should possess some knowledge. With ten new forges and Prof. Patterson for an instructor, the senior class this year have an opportunity to learn something of the practical side of farming in both iron and wood work.

The address and recitations of Mr. Murkett on the evening of the fourth were grand to say the least. It inspired some of the students to become a little excited, and had a tendency to cause some of them to become "stage struck."

Elocution is taught now more or less throughout the entire course. The first and second year students are required to furnish entertainment for the rest of the class by delivering an oral story at least once a week. The latter and third year students deliver a recitation or other composition before the college and friends, while the seniors are obliged to write an original essay or oration and deliver it near the close of each term, at the chapel.

Prof. Lewis and wife have gone to their homes in the far West. Prof. Peebles preached in his absence.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Thanksgiving vacation was spent very quietly at Storrs.

Eighteen young men and four young women remained with us during the recess. An excellent dinner was served to the students that day which was the means of lessening the number of "Will's" flock of turkeys.

Messrs. Schaffath, Johnson, Lucchini, the Misses Roberts, Barnes and Coy took dinner with Prof. Peebles and family on Thanksgiving day. It is needless to say that the faculty "funny man" made the occasion a pleasant one.

Grove cottage was honored on Thanksgiving day by having as its guests to dinner the Messrs. Luce and Barnes.

Church services were held at 10:45 a. m. The pastor did not preach a sermon, the meeting being open to all.

As Sexton J. N. Fitts, '97, was absent the holidays, V. D. Lucchini '97, acted in that capacity.

Messrs. Atwood, '97 and Luce '97 attended to the fires during the holidays, as our regular firemen, Fitts '97 and Stocking, '98 were at their homes.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 25th, two baskets of grapes mysteriously disappeared from the anti-room adjoining Grange hall. Any one giving evidence adequate to convict the purloiners will receive a liberal reward.

The men digging the trench from the windmill to the dairy building for the water pipes have found some pretty hard digging. For quite a distance by the windmill, a solid ledge had to be blasted through. With Grove cottage, Prof. Peebles's cottage, dairy building, and horse barn as new dependants upon the windmill for water, the windmill will need to be more regular in its habits if the supply of water is kept up to where it ought to be.

On the previous number of this paper, an article will be found stating that W. A. Stocking, '95 had left Cornell University. A false rumor was about the college at that time which gave rise to the article. Mr. Stocking is still at the university and is doing well.

Divisions of labor were changed somewhat after the Thanksgiving recess and the winter schedule posted.

Prof. Phelps has recently purchased five head of devons for the experiment station. These cows although apparently healthy are infected with tuberculous. The station is to make experiments with this much talked about disease, and is hoped, that in these experiments many valuable facts be brought to light.

A "hop" was held in the college chapel Saturday evening, Nov. 28th. There being nothing else to do, a few of the neighbors were invited and amid dancing and games, a very pleasant evening was

passed. The young ladies of Grove cottage were not allowed to attend, we know not why. It caused some rather bitter feelings between the students and our lady principal.

A meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees was held at the college a few days before the Thanksgiving recess.

The juniors' rhetoricals were held Thursday evening, Nov. 4th. The program was intervened here and there with music from the quartette and piano solo by Mrs. Waterman and Miss Kirkpatrick. No prize was offered for the best speaker, which, I think, did not stimulate the speakers to do their best.

Prof. Gulley has had his tool room completely overhauled and put in first class order. If one now wishes a tool, he knows where to find it, and if he does not return the same he will know what to expect.

The faculty table has grown rather small of late, as the result of some getting married, others removing to Grove cottage and others bringing their wives out to Storrs. At the present time but one member of the faculty boards with the students, and it is hoped that the teacher in domestic science does not follow in the step of her associates.

The juniors are patiently awaiting the arrival of the seniors' subject for dissection. It is hoped that no blood will be wasted over the poor old carcass.

J. N. Fitts is still at the photographic trade and is doing quite a business this term.

The Junior Prohibition league is making arrangements for another Demorest medal contest, which is to take place in the college chapel the first part of the winter term.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, '98, was visited by his sister, Estelle, Dec. 3rd.

The Rev. Mr. Herbert Murkett of East Blackstone, Mass., gave an eloquent entertainment in the college chapel Friday evening, Nov. 4th. He is surely a competent master of the art of elocution and I may surely say that such a treat was never given Storrs in my recollection.

The wreck on the Central Vermont R. R. between Mansfield depot and Eagleville caused quite a sensation at the college. Nearly all of the students improved the opportunity to view the wreck and secure relics.

On Saturday evening, Nov. 5th, the "Shakes", held their society meeting in the chapel, the Alethia Literary society being invited. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening passed.

The '97 class has received a new lot of "pink and white," a good singer, if he, his voice would cultivate.

Messrs. Chapman and Shaffratn have adopted a cat as a member of the "Roost."

The Seniors do no thave woodwork, their time being spent in the iron department.

Prof. Patterson has had the wood shop put in first class order, having replaced all missing tools.

It is said that Freddie B. chould make Miss Bacrer has moved to Oak Grove cottage.

J. N. Fitts, '97 has removed the old organ that he purchased of the church to his room.

The "Nit" club of old dormitory meets weekly at room 11. Mr. Brainard of Norwich is president.

Mr. Penticost, superintendent of the Experiment station is taking a short course at the Wisconsin Dairy school. He will return in about two months. Mr. Gilbert (A. C.) fills the vacancy for the time being.

The north-east half of the swamp recently drained, has been pretty well stirred up by Prof. Chamberlain's "gang."

A second hand bass horn has been purchased by Prof. Peebles which is to be used by the orchestra.

Mr. H. B. Bingham, '99 has lately been engaged to play the bass viol in the orchestra.

Dec. 7th. The Junior class was today informed by one of our honorary Profs. that it was nothing but a pack of hoodlums.

A number of the members of the General Assembly, made a visit to the college on Nov. 8th. In the afternoon the honorable body was escorted about the grounds and in the evening entertained by the young ladies of Grove cottage.

At the regular meeting of the Mansfield grauge, No. 64, held Wednesday evening, Dec. 8th, a new code of officers were elected, Brother Snow receiving the worthy office of "Master."

A number of the students attended a lecture, illustrated with stereopticon views given by Prof. H. E. King of Hartford, at Spring Hill church, Nov. 8th.

Prof. Phelps has purchased a portable twelve horse power steam engine of the Ames Iron works, Oswego, N. Y. It is to be used in the dairy building and when our windmill seeks a vacation it will probably be used as a substitute to draw water. The engine cost twelve hundred dollars and weighs three tons.

At a recent meeting of the S. A. C., A. A., the subject of "turning the old barn into a gymnasium" was quite freely discussed, but no conclusion was reached. A committee was appointed to look up the matter.

The college has at last decided to purchase a printing press to be used in connection with instruction in the English departments. The type setting will not be compulsory, but the proof reading and all that pertains to corrections in English will be. It is hoped that we will be allowed to print our college paper with it. If so, it will lessen the cost quite materially and probably induce us to make our issues bi-monthly. instead of monthly.

An illustrated lecture on "The Dairy Cow," was given to the two upper classes

by Prof. Phelps, on Thursday evening, Dec. 10th.

Prof. Gulley has lately added to the green house, a collection of palms and other very beautiful foliage plants.

Prof. Gulley was called to Rochester, N. Y., on Dec. 11th. He returned in time to give the examinations.

Miss Elsie Leach of Plymouth, was confined to her room during the last week of the term, the true nature of her sickness not being known.

The "Soph" rhetoricals were held on Friday evening, Dec. 11th. No other sophomore class has ever shown as much elocutionary talent. Miss Eaton was the "star" of the evening.

Prof. H. E. King of Hartford gave an interesting entertainment of recitations and reading in the conference house. Friday evening Dec. 11th. The different charaters in the productions were illustrated by stereopticon views.

The college orchestra furnished music at the annual meeting of the board of agriculture, held at Danbury, Dec. 15, 16 and 17th. Profs. Koons, Peebles and Phelps attended the meeting.

The boys are putting their geometry into practical use, for when one young lady takes a route opposite that of the young man, he by hard study works out the angle, which were to take, might cause the two to meet.

Olcott F. King, is taking a course of study at Huntsinger's Business college.

O, Chist! said Paddy, when one of Prof. Koon's Italian bees sat upon his nose.

The Eclectic Literary society has chosen as its president for the winter term, Mr. G. H. Johnson, '97.

Dr. "What is the treatment?"
Luce, "Give stin skimulents."

Octagon destroyed by fire! At about 11:25 p. m. Sunday. A large blaze was observed in the rear of the boy's dormitory. An alarm was sent in from Room 7. The hose company soon had a line laid from the chapel connection.

Palls were slow in arriving. The hook and ladder company failed to show up at all, owing to the fact that no one knew where the ladders nere kept. It took nearly three minutes for the water to arrive at the nozzle, after being turned on at the windmill as it had to go all through the main building and then back again within ten feet of the starting point through the hose.

At first there was not force enough to throw water over a barrel, but as the hose swelled, and with twelve feet of water in the tank there was soon force enough to throw it clear over the building.

Dr. Waterman and Mr. Bushnell were prominent in holding the nozzle.

The nozzle man in eseaping a falling timber accidently washed Mr. Bancroft's face.

Prof. Peebles observed sparks in the vicinity of the horse barn, he accordingly removed his cow from said building, as it is well to guard against such things. Three of the sides are still standing, and only two feet of water was used.

A direct connection with the tower would be a great improvement.

Eight of us boys spent Christmas here in Storrs.

To say the least the dinner was grand. We ate until we could hold no more, then got up and marched around tne table a few times then sat down and ate some more.

All of the lady members of the faculty are away for the holidays. Prof. Gulley is in New York state on business.

The windmill has an uncontrollable desire to squeak lately.

We now have representatives from E. S. Henry's noted Jersey herd at the farm barn.

An effort will be made to start up a brass band during the winter term. Instruments enough can be secured, if only material can be found to blow them.

The cottage is entirely vacant, not even the cook remaining to spend the holidays.

Bancroft thinks it is rather doubtful about his ever getting married.

Prof. Peebles is having some sinks put into the west laboratory table.

Fitts has invented a bellows to blow his fires when he gets up late some of these cold mornings. Its success is not well determined.

A fine new new grindstone and stove have just been added to the contents of the wood shop.

ATHLETICS.

The last football game of the season was played at Middletown between the high school team and the Storrs team resulting in defeat for the Storrs team. The day was rather unpleasant and the ground was not in very good condition for football, but in spite of the threatening weather and the small number of spectators the team lined up and the game began.

M. H. S. won the toss and Storrs kicked off and out of bounds twice.

Then the M. H. S. kicked to Damon, who advanced the ball a short distance.

Beardsley, the captain, who has been laid off with a sprained knee, but played in this game, was hurt soon after the game began but continued to play.

Damon made a good gain around the end for 15 yards, but Storrs soon lost the ball on fourth down.

M. H. S. were very successful in their tackle and worked the ball to within a foot of Storrs goal line when they lost the ball on an off side play. Webb's kick was blocked and Comber fell on the ball, making a safety, scoring two points for M. H. S.

Storrs kicked out of bounds twice. Then M. H. S. kicked off to Damon, who advanced the ball quite a number of yards but it was soon lost on four downs.

The M. H. S. had no difficulty in working their tackle plays and a touchdown was quickly made. The goal was not kicked. Soon after time was called for the first half. Score

Storrs 0, M. H. S. 6.

M. H. S. scored another touchdown and goal soon after the game was called, making the score

Storrs 0, M. H. S. 12.

Storrs kicked out of bounds as usual and Middletown had to kick off. Storrs

took the ball but lost it soon on four downs. At this point Beardsley left the field and Mansfield took his place, but this did not prevent M. H. S.'s advance and they soon made another touchdown. Soon after the ball was put in play time was called, leaving the score

Storrs 0, M. H. S. 16.

The principal features of the game was the touchdown play of the Middletown boys through the tackles which the Storrs team could not hold. Storrs team was solid at the center and made most of its gains through center or guard or around the right end. The captain's sprained knee was a bad handicap to the Storrs team and the bad weather conspired to defeat the college team.

Line Up of the Teams.

Storrs.	Position.	M. H. S.
Parker	Center	Welch
Clark	R guard L	Spatcher
Bliven	L guard R	Hale
Minor	R tackle L	Geoghegan
Buell	L tackle R	Reed
Comber	R end L	J. Warmsley
Hawley	L end R	H. Waamsley
Onthrup	Quarterback	Miller
B'rdsly (C)	R halfback L	Crosley (C)
Mansfield		
Damon	L halfback R	White
Webb	Fullback	Inglis

The football games played this year are:

At Rockville

Storrs 16 Rockville 6

At Norwich.

Storrs 6 Norwich F. A. 22

At Storrs.

Storrs 16 Willimantic 0
Storrs 6 Willimantic 4
Storrs 0 Middletown H. S. 4
Storrs 2nd team 16 Willimantic H. S. 8
Storrs 2nd team 6 Willimantic H. S. 0
Class '97 14 A. A. Team 0

At Middletown.

Storrs 0 Middletown H. S. 16

The polo season opened soon after the football season closed and the first game at Storrs was played between the '97 and '98 classes.

Saturday afternoon was chosen as he time, and promptly at 2:30 o'clock both teams appeared on the ice. Mr. Buell was appointed referee and Mr. Clark timekeeper. After some preliminary practice the ball was placed in the center of the field, the referee sounded his whistle and the game started.

Both teams were very evenly matched in the first half but in the second half the ball was held near the '98 goal during which time the ball was sent into the cage three times in succession, only to bound out again. The ball was held for the rest of the half near the '97's goal and once was sent into the cage but did not remain there. The ball was kept moving quite lively during all of the game but as this was the first game of this season the playing was not quite up to the standard.

Comber for the '97's and Mansfield and Webb for the '98's made the best plays of the game. The passing was by no means as we hope it will be after more practice.

Mr. Gillette, after the first half, was succeeded by Mr. Rosebrooks on account of the insecurity of Mr. Gillette's skate. The score:

'98 Class o, '97 Class o.

The line up of the teams was as follows:

'97 Class.

1st rush	Taylor
2nd rush	Beardsley
Center	Comber
Half	Luce
Goal	Bushnell

'98 Class.

1st rush	Mansfield
2nd rush	Webb
Center	Gillette, Rosebrooks
Half	Bidwell
Goal	Chapman

ALUMNI NOTES.

Mr. E. B. Fitts, '93, has returned from the Baton Rouge experiment station and is about to take up the work for the experiment station here, testing different farmers' herds throughout the state. Judging from the record he has made in Baton Rouge his services will materially benefit the local experiment station.

"Blest be the tie that binds." Mr. Darnstead, '93, became wedded to a Meriden girl last month. Undoubtedly life is now pleasant.

The skating that we have had and what is to come reminds us that in the near future we, the Storrs polo team, will be pleased to meet a team delegated from the alumni at their earliest convenience.

I submit once more the need of many more alumni subscribing, for we are weak indeed, financially.

Mr. Stacking, '95, is still pursuing his studies at Cornell University and reports favorably of said institution.

Mr. King, short course '96, has entered upon a business course at Morse's business college, Hartford, Conn.

At the Middletown vs. Storrs football game Mr. Hubbard, '86, Mr. Curtis, '96, Mr. Waite, '96, and G. A. Hunn with '96 were seen on the side lines cheering for Storrs.

Accompanying the orchestra on the tour to Danbury were Mr. Francis, '95, and Mr. Curtis, '96, whose services were appreciated by all who heard them.

Mr. J. H. Evans, '96, who has been in the Horticulture department, has resigned his position and returned home to get renewed strength before entering on active business again.

Mr. W. L. Chamberlain, '95, has complete charge of the poultry department at the college and indeed it is no small concern as visitors will verify.

The athletic association, S. A. C., would be pleased to meet a committee from the Alumni who would have power to arrange the annual athletic contest; furthermore arrange a list of events that would be permanent. If the committee could agree on the above said a much better field would be witnessed.

As every one knows, the best results in any athletic contest are obtained by continued and hard practice, and this state of affairs can only be brought about when each and every competitor knows before-

hand what event or events he is to take part in.

I have been informed of late that Mr. Cales, '96, is about to take a trip to warmer lands. "Merry Christmas John."

Mr. Barber, '96, is advancing the cause of education by teaching school in his native town, Union.

THE EXTENSION DEPARTMENT STILL GROWING.

The reception of the extension movement by the people for whom it was intended, affords great pleasure to Board and Faculty of the college.

Various plans have been tried in different states, but for some reason they have not been generally successful. After a thorough examination of all systems or courses for Home Study, a committee of the Faculty of Storrs Agr'l. college reported a plan which was sanctioned by the trustees. Considerable preliminary work had been done in order to bring the subject before the people of the state, by giving an illustrated lecture on some subject of general interest, a part of the hour being devoted to views of the college, and also a chart showing the proposed course of study for the Extension Department.

Something like twenty or more of these lectures were given in different parts of the state. The movement received immediate endorsement by the officials of the state grange, and this organization has used its influence at all times to promote the course. It is not too much to say that the success of the Extension Department is due in large measure to the enthusiastic cooperation of a large number of the subordinate Granges of the state.

Twelve granges have secured ten or more members for the course, and so by agreement, there will be held with each of them an all day and evening session sometime during February or March. It has been a question as to what name to apply to this meeting. It is not an Institute, for want of a better name let us designate the gathering as a seminary, a term used in college to designate a meeting between students and instructor for a free and general discussion of the subject being studied. One of the features of the Storrs plan of Extension study, is a close bond of reunion between the people taking the course, and the college. The Extension Department is a department of the college. Not something separate and distinct from the college. Two members of the Faculty will spend a day and evening with each circle, conducting the seminary.

The morning session will consist of a review of the text books that have been adopted for the year. This will be of interest and value to the members primarily. The afternoon session will consist of lectures and demonstrations on one or more topics pursued during the course, and a more general invitation will be extended to the community to attend these lectures by the members of the college in attendance. The evening lecture will be an illustrated stereopticon lecture upon some popular subject of interest to all.

Of necessity the plans for this first year are tentative. We are in the experimental period of our work along this line.

It is expected to find some plans, more or less of a failure. Others will succeed. We shall estimate the failures and develop the successes as we gain in experience. The unexpected number of applications for membership the first year has almost astonished us. Over two hundred where we thought possibly we might have fifty and should have regarded a membership of fifty as a large success. At first our fear was that we might not have any to start with the first year. This fear has changed to another, namely that we have enrolled so many to start with, that there will be none left for another year. However we are not borrowing too much trouble on that score. Our supreme desire now is to make the year's study so profitable and interesting to the membership of this year that they will recommend it to all their friends another year. We confidently believe we have the best course of reading, and plan of study yet announced and we expect to make it better every year. Large possibilities open up before our vision. Among many, we will mention two features that seem to promise most.

First—The college is coming into closer touch with the people of the state for whom it was established. It is certain to increase the interest of all its members in the college of which they become a part. The college is more truly theirs than it ever could be otherwise.

Second—It affords an opportunity for the graduates of the college to become helpful to the communities in which they reside. They will naturally become leaders in extending the work of the Department, and thus be able to pass on the advantages, the training and culture it is expected they will have received during their college days.

SCHOOLS IN RUSSIA.

WRITTEN BY J. W. PINCUS FOR THE C. S. C.

Perhaps most of the readers of this paper are not acquainted with the ways schools are conducted in European countries.

Born in Russia, I spent my earlier years in the schools of that country, thence I can speak about them from personal experience and observation.

All of the educational institutions of Russia are controlled by the government through the minister of Public Instruction. Education is not compulsory in Russia, and much remains to be done by way of improving the conditions of public education. The common schools, although free, are in their infancy. I will not stop to consider them.

The so called "gymnasiums," which are equivalent to high-schools or lower colleges in this country, and universities are conducted quite successfully.

The course of the gymnasium is eight years, and consists of the following

studies: Greek, Latin, German, French, a full course in Mathematics, Physics, Geography, History, Logic, Drawing, and Russian Grammar, Literature, etc.

Applicants for admission to the gymnasium must be nine years old, and are required to pass examination in Arithmetic and Russian.

The tuition fee in a gymnasium is from forty to seventy rouble (equivalent to twenty to thirty-five dollar.) All books, and stationary, and uniforms, that are obligatory, are to be purchased by the students.

Examinations are held for early class at the end of each school year. If the student passes his examinations and has a good yearly average he is transferred to the next highest class. Students standing at the head of the class receive prizes.

In order to be graduated no graduation orations are required, but a final oral and written examination in all the subjects taken up through the eight years, is required.

In passing satisfactorily these final examinations, the student is entitled to a diploma which admits him to any university in Russia, or in any other European country.

In 1890 military drill was introduced in all the gymnasiums. A special officer from the Russian army gives instructions in military drill and tactics.

Physical culture is quite neglected in Russian schools. Some of the schools have special gymnasiums built, but most of them have none. Football and baseball games are unknown in Russia.

There are no co-educational schools in Russia, but the young ladies have separate gymnasiums, where they are taught the same subjects with the exception of ancient languages.

The students the gymnasiums are under stringent faculty regulations, which are strictly enforced by vigil instructors and tutors.

Smoking and drinking intoxicating liquors are strictly prohibited. The scale of marks is from one to five, one being very bad, five excellent.

Gymnasiums are scattered all over the large cities of the Russian Empire, and there is about two hundreds of them.

In the nine principal cities of Russia, the universities are situated, those in St. Petersburg, Moscow, Odessa and Rhar-koro being the largest ones.

The course in the medical university is five years, in law schools, schools of mines and all others, four years. The universities are open only to young men who present diplomas from the gymnasium.

A few years ago, a medical course for young ladies was opened in St. Petersburg.

There are very few agricultural colleges in Russia.

In St. Petersburg, Moscow, Odessa and in some other cities military and naval academies are situated. In the latter schools, young men are fitted up for officers of the army and navy.

There are about 150 other secondary schools, as theological seminaries, normal schools and "reall" schools, which are

special preparatory schools for technical universities. The students are placed under rigorous regulations in regards to their life outside the university.

The Russian Government discourages the endeavors of private persons or corporations in promoting education among the common people.

OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.

How very willing we all are to accept an opportunity, especially if the opportunity is to bring to the pecuniary gain, honor, or fame. Are we always as willing however to accept and bear the responsibility which every opportunity brings to us? Perhaps we do not always investigate to see if the opportunity brings with it any responsibility. If we should so investigate we would always find that there is a responsibility. Opportunity is more cruel, if we may call it cruelty, it brings a responsibility even if we do not accept the opportunity. The very fact that we have the opportunity of an opportunity is a responsibility which unless accepted will in after years be a terrible condemnation.

We who live in this nineteenth century have thrown around us many opportunities which our forefathers longed for, but longed for in vain. Some of us accept these opportunities only for selfish purposes; some of us neglect them entirely; while a very few accept the opportunities, take the responsibilities and develop into well rounded and symmetrical characters, honoring themselves by honoring their opportunities. Opportunity begins at birth. Home, parents, friends, early training and early schooling are among some of the earliest. The opportunity of a good home brings with it the responsibility of noble living. The opportunity of Christian parents and friends and a Christian training puts upon us the responsibility of a Christian life. He who tries to get something without paying for it is called a "dead beat." but there are no words to describe one who accepts opportunity and disregards the responsibility.

Perhaps the greatest opportunity of our lives is that of advanced education. This surely brings great responsibilities. How few seem to recognize the fact that they owe their age and more noble, a more manly life for having had the opportunity of an education that they owe to those who have been less fortunate than themselves protection. Alas! how many times we see these less fortunate imposed upon, taken advantage of, by the very ones who ought to have been their protectors. Every college bred man or woman ought to be a champion of every good cause; an unfatigable fighter of every unjust measure, every demoralizing institution, every corrupting influence. Every college bred farmer ought to be a beacon light in his community; advancing the interests of his brother farmers by a noble example, by honest transactions, by industrious habits.

As we stand and view a wrecked train we say, how terrible! but how insignificant in comparison to a wrecked life; and how much more terrible, how much more

deplorable, how much sadder—is the wasted life of one who has had the great opportunity of a good education than that of one who has had no such opportunity. What is sadder to see than a well educated man with a strong mind destroying that mind, his body, his very soul by the use of strong drink; to see him stupifying his delicate sensibility of right and wrong, his aesthetic nature, by the use of narcotics. Yet how often we are depressed by these sad sights; how often the opportunity is accepted the responsibility, nobleness, manliness, virtue discarded. Are we not justified in saying—"It will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgement than for you?"

The use of strong drink and narcotics is not the only vice. Selfishness; how often we see men courting dishonor, sanctioning wrong, befouling themselves by ignoble deeds that they may attain some selfish end. It may be pessimistic but it sometimes seems as though an education was used as a beautiful ornamental robe to cover the cancer of impurity that eats out the very health of moral responsibility; to hide the ulcer of selfishness which discharges unkind words and ignoble deeds: to remove the dishonor of dishonesty; to excuse the debouchery to cover the putrefaction of vice.

We would sometimes seem as though by the magic touch of an education a thief becomes simply a defaulter; a foul reprobate a gentleman; a debauched sot one who is slightly reckless.

If this be true something is wrong. An education ought to remove instead of furnish a means by which vice may be hidden. Education ought to purify rather than deodorize the social, political and moral sores. Education ought to have for its aim the building of such character as will take for its formation the golden rule; for its corner stone "Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth," for its motto the parable of the good Samaritan.

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It has been truly remarked that directly the native and foreign hunters are convinced that one live elephant is worth dozens of tusks they will be as keen to preserve the animal as they now are to exterminate him. We might plead earnestly, even upon the ground of aestheticism and natural science, for the protection in future of the noble beast, whose majesty and tranquillity of mien so well become his silent haunts and philosophic, harmless existence. The ears of those, however, who massacre the innocent giant to cut from him 20 or 30 pounds of material for paper knives and shoe horns would be closed to such remonstrances. The best hope of all who understand the value of the elephant for Africa is that even the most ruthless of his assassins may come to learn that they are destroying their own markets. The rest is for official authorities to do. But certain it is that if decided measures be not promptly taken there will be no elephants to save and, we shall see in another continent the shameful human sin and folly perpetrated which has stripped America of every free living vestige of her noble droves of bison.

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