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The true purpose of education is to cherish and unfold the seed of immortality already sown within us; to develop to their fullest extent, the capacities of every kind with which the God who made us has endowed us.

*Mrs. Jameson.*





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## EDITORIALS.

Be prepared to renew your subscription.

The editors of this paper will be glad to receive quotations similar to the one on the cover of this paper from any one. We prefer to have the quotations taken from modern writers, and if possible treating upon the value of an education. From those sent in, one will be chosen, and printed with the name of the author and sender.

The general behavior of the students this college year has been far above the average.

With the exception of a few nights, students have not been disturbed much during study hour.

It is not often that the two lower classes hold their number as well throughout the first two terms as they have this year, having lost but three or four in all. This is probably accounted for by the more difficult entrance examinations.

Training for field day has begun, as will be observed in the athletic notes.

The prospects for a strong base-ball team this year are good. The new officers have recently been elected, and our manager holds office for another year.

When the new roads are completed there will be track enough for owners of "bikes" to take their daily spin without going off of the campus.

Shall the name of our College be changed? We hope this will soon be decided by our present legislature.

The College is a STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE. We say let it be called accordingly.

The senior class is patiently (?) waiting to know whether to put S. A. C. or C. A. C. on their class emblems.

## ALUMNI NOTES.

Mr. Evans, '96, favored us with a visit March 4th. His presence was greeted by many of his former college-mates, and many of the good old times were talked over.

Martin Frisbie, '95, wears a mustache.

Frank Bartlett, '95, has been confined or some time on account of a severe cold and a combination of other ailments.

W. F. Shults, '94, has lost three weeks class work at Cornell, from La Grippe.

The notoriety which "B. Socks." possessed here, for his grinding propensities, has been renewed at Cornell.

Hale's activity and ready wit makes him a favorite among Cornell Students.

The increasing popularity of Storrs is evident by the number of Cornell students inquiring about the courses.

Some are thinking seriously of taking a course here.

Mr. A. J. Pierpont, '95, left Cornell on Mar. 15th, to put into practice, on the farm at home, the theories that he has been studying there.

Hale is becoming quite popular among Cornell Horticultural Circles. He is now conducting some experiments to ascertain whether or not trees receiving nutriment from only one side, will produce top and fruit equally on both sides,

These days of Spring weather, rapidly brings to ours minds base-ball, and as much material is at hand at the college, we should like to meet a team from the alumni commencement if time permits.

Also we would urge practice on the part of the alumni in order to make a brisk competition.



\* COLLEGE NOTES. \*

Have you had the "Speckles"? No, but I feel them coming.

The Legislative Agricultural Committee, with other prominent men, including two of our Trustees, paid a visit to our institution on Friday, Feb. 20th. After thoroughly viewing the buildings and their surroundings, a gathering was held in the Chapel, where we heard some very good advice, which, if closely followed, might prove of great benefit in future years.

r-r-r-r-ing. "HOLLOA." "Bring up my skirt, when you come up. I left it down there this morning while in the cooking class."

A local telephone system has been erected upon the College campus, having connections with all of the principal buildings.

A number of students, attended a recent "opera," which was held in the old school house, at Four Corners.

The Creamery is completed, and in full running order. The Juniors, who are having their practical work now, have received suits of snowy white, which they are to wear while working in that building.

The students wish to thank Mr. & Mrs. Murkett, for the kindness shown them, while on the sick list, as well as elsewhere.

Messrs Garrigus, '98, and Walden, '99, attended the Y.M.C.A. Convention, held at Middletown, Feb. 25th.-28th.

The iron shop is completed, and the Seniors are getting some valuable instruction therefrom.

Our military band is making creditable progress, and we hope that the drill hours will be made more interesting by its presence.

Isn't it strange how one dislikes to be a bachelor? Miss Ida Lee, a former member of the '96 class, will return next term, and recommence her studies with the '98 class.

Mr. Fred Bushnell, '97, was called home on Friday evening, Mar. 5th. to attend the funeral of his grandfather.

A new set of lamps have arrived, which are to be hung in the Chapel.

The Junior rhetoricals, were held Friday evening, March 5th. They did very creditable work, showing a decided improvement over that of last term. The Storrs Military band furnished music for the evening.

Mr. Kirkpatrick's brother, "Jim," favored us with a short visit, Thursday, March 5th.

Quite a number of the students attended an entertainment given by a ventriloquist, at Four Corners, Tuesday evening, March 2nd. **Ask Abe about it.**

Miss Smith offers an inviting dish from the cooking class each week, to the table having the cleanest table-cloth for the week.

Mr. Harry Davis, of Worcester Tech. was the guest of Miss Walch, for a few days during the latter part of the past month.

The February reception was held at Grove Cottage, Friday evening, Feb. 26th.

James Stocking, '99, has just received a new and complete assortment of stationary and he cordially invites the public to inspect his store, at room 16, New Dormitory.

Prof. Gulley had rather have the money needed to erect a telephone at the greenhouse, in plants for the greenhouse.

"Prof Munigle", paid us a short visit, Tuesday afternoon, March 2nd.

The '99 class was hospitably entertained, Saturday evening, March 6th., at the residence of President Koons.

The prize essay is now the main topic of conversation. Each competitor is allowed to choose his or her subject, which shall be presented to a member of the faculty on or before March 20th. The essays shall be passed in for judgement in English Composition, on or before April 20th. They are to be delivered in chapel later in the Spring term, when judgement as to eloquence in oratory shall be passed upon the deliverer.

Quite a number of the students intend to compete. Those of the Senior class who try, will be excused from their winter term chapel oration.

J.N. Fitts, '97, spent Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 6-7th, at his home in East Windsor.

✓ CRADLE COMMENT.

A fine baby boy, came Friday, Mar. 19th., to lend additional happiness to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Prof. Phelps.

Mr. George Smith, while working around the printing press, had one of his fingers caught in the cog wheel, making quite a wound. It is recovering rapidly.

Prof. Patterson, has had attachments put into the wind mill, so that the engine may be used in case of necessity.

Messers Miles and Gold, two of our trustees, with landscape gardener Barrett, of Brooklyn, N. Y., made a visit to our institution, Thursday, March 11th., for the purpose of making arrangements as to the improving of our grounds. The College grounds, are under the special supervision of Mr. Barrett, who has charge of the improvements, which are to be made. It seems as if the new library, if we ever get it, will be located in the south east corner of the present atheletic field.

Much time is to be devoted to the improvement of the roads, about the buildings this spring.

The father of one of our prominent students, Mr. Stocking, of Simsbury, visited his son at the College, Tuesday, Mar. 12th.

The Sophomore rhetorical were held on Friday evening, March 12th. The recitations were interspersed with appropriate music.

✓ Johnson, and Luce, bought two cradles at a recent auction sale. It looks rather suspicious.

Dr. Waterman has purchased four new horses, two for the Farm, and two for general driving.

✓ The Y. M. C. A. has chosen H. L. Garigus '98 as President for the ensuing year.

Prof. Beach, en-route to Winsted was taken violently ill with Car Sickness.

Zuby is the name of Prof. Waterman's dog.

The W. C. T. U. held its annual meeting

at Spring Hill, Wednesday evening, Mar. 17. A debate was held by four of our students upon the subect "Resolved; - that tobacco is more injurious than alcohol." The negative side won. Four nations were represented by the debaters; Japan, Russia, America and Germany.

✓ Quite a number of students are down with the "pink eye."

A church social, was held Friday afternoon and evening. Refreshments were served at Grange Hall. the young ladies of Grove Cottage, acting as waiters.

An auction was held Saturday afternoon Mar. 20th., at the old "Harvey place." A lot of old fashioned furniture and bricabrac was disposed of. In every student's room can be found an article which was purchased at the sale, ranging from a cradle, to a bedstead.

The Alethia Literary Society, held an open meeting at Grove Cottage Saturday evening, Mar, 20th. A very good program was rendered, after which refreshments were served.

Joyful spring has sent the students out into the woods, to study nature.

Mr. and Mrs. Prof. Gulley, will move into the old Harvey homestead, as soon as the weather permits.

None of the senior class stood above eighty five in horticulture. It seems rather strange but the head of that department ought to know what he is doing.

Mr. and Mrs Dr. Waterman are boarding at Grove Cottage.

Apply to "Grove," for any information as to prohibition.

The woods, back of our atheletic field are being trimmed up for a grove.

Mr. M. H. Parker, has two gray squirrels at the greenhouse.

✂ In the following batch of letters, will be found a complete sentence. gnmnsea cerotrevo yf, ito T. To the person, sending in the first correct answer, as to the i composition of the above sentence, will be awarded, a year's subscription to the S. A. C. Lookout.

## MUSIC at S. A. C.

WRITTEN BY H. E. ATWOOD,  
FOR THE C. S. C.

There is no doubt but that S. A. C. is making great progress in music, in its many forms. Since music has been taken as a study in the regular course, there is no reason why Storrs Agr'l. College shouldn't send out some musicians, as well as Agriculturists. It is to be hoped for at least.

One of the branches of music that appears most prominent at the present, is the S. A. C. Cadet Band. Although this organization is in its infancy, it is doing admirable work, under the efforts of its worthy leader. New members are being added so rapidly, that we will soon have a Band to be envied.

The element that makes this line of music a success, is the interest that the members take in it; this is, perhaps, not more essential than that of practice. There is probably no better motto than, "Practice makes perfect", for most of the members certainly live up to this rule. We are often told that we should not believe everything we hear; in this instance we hear it, and there are very few but what believe it.

Closely related to the Cadet Band, is our College Orchestra, which has existed for several years. What would Commencement be without the College Orchestra, to drive our sorrows and troubles away? Although this is the time when it works the hardest, it makes a great many of our entertainments at other times more lively, and to lessen the monotony of a long meeting.

Since the band has been organized, the orchestra has been at rest. The reason is, no doubt, that there is no special need for it to be in practice, and it affords more practice for the Band. The Cadet Band is not only a help in itself, but will strengthen the orchestra, as some of the instruments can be used to a very good advantage.

Instrumental music is certainly very popular just at present, but not any more so than vocal. Each has its advantages

and charms. The charms are what the public are after more particularly. The students of S. A. C. certainly meet this demand. The quartette or quintette as the case may be, receives the most vigorous applause, whenever they entertain the public.

Vocal music is always a part of the program in our literary societies. It is here that the students enjoy their songs the most. The value of giving a charm to the meeting is easily seen, when it is omitted from the program for several meetings.

Our every day music comes from a quartette or rather a double quartette from the two upper classes. It is rather singular that each class should furnish a second quartette but such is the case. While the quartette No. 1 of A. quality reserve their energies for the public in general, the other singers are constantly performing. The students at S. A. C. would soon become dreary and dull if it were not for our second rate singers to cheer them up. It makes little difference what song it is, they sing it with perfect confidence and always to the same tune. There has been some discussion as to who will sing first "tennis", but it was finally given to one deserving it, namely, the member of the senior class that is last in answering the roll call.

## THE VALUE of a DEBATING CLUB.

WRITTEN by J. PINCUS,  
for the S. A. C. D. C.

Debating clubs in general and especially in colleges are of the utmost importance to the student.

It is in debating clubs that the student become acquainted with parliamentary rules and obtain a thorough knowledge of the rules pertaining to the art of debating. Debates increase and improve the student's vocabulary. They also produce healthy ambition and rivalry among the students, and often provoke to word-combat, with the students of other colleges.

In most of our debating clubs, the subjects for debates are usually on some current events; and hence, this stimulates the



members to a more careful reading of newspapers and magazines. This broadens their conception of the progress of the world.

The literary societies of Storrs Agricultural College, cultivate the taste of students for good literature, and produce fraternal feelings among the members, but they do not supply all the needs of public debating.

Hence, a debating club would not interfere with the work of literary societies, but would be to them, a most fitting auxiliary.

A movement is in progress to form such a club in Storrs Agricultural College. It is a good cause, and may it meet with the approval of all members of the institution.

#### ( ATHLETICS. )

The polo team has not been very successful this year in arranging games although the one they played was a victory.

The team went to Amherst, Saturday, Feb. 27, but when they arrived there the ice was in such poor condition that they were unable to play and so came home on the next train. It is hoped that such mistakes will be guarded against in the future.

The base-ball team under the management of Prof. Peebles and the captainship of Mr. Bushnell, '97, has a good prospect.

All of the last years team with the exception of the shortstop are at the College now and there are several promising candidates for this position.

Games are already being arranged by the manager, and the team will be on the field as soon as the weather will permit.

The principal athletic recreation of the students during the winter has been boxing, and several have become quite proficient in the art.

Mr. O'Brien lately challenged Mr. Clapp for a 20 round fight but was defeated after 17 rounds.

"Abe Lincoln" light weight boxer has declared that he will box any one in the college under one hundred and ten pounds in weight.

Several important changes are being made in the Athletic Associations's constitution which will make the body of much more power in the institution and a great help to athletics.

The Athletic Association is trying to arrange an Inter-Agricultural Collegiate Athletic meet to be held between the Agricultural Colleges of Mass. Rhode Island and Conn. It is hoped that arrangements may be made, although rather unfavorable answers have been received from Rhode Island.

The colleges are situated quite close together and contain about the same number of students each. The colleges meet in Base Ball and Polo and a contest of this kind would be a good thing.

The great fight between Corbett and Fitz. is over and the boys are now practicing the great knock-out blow.

Arrangements are being made to hold a special field day for the purpose of awakening enthusiasm among the new students it is to be held about the last of April, if the weather will permit.

#### POEM.

BY N. J. Webb.

S stands for a store,  
Which is run by young Beebe,  
You can buy what you wish,  
And a little more maybe.

H stands for Harry,  
Whom we all hope and trust,  
Has had his ways mended  
By rooming with Guss.

A stands for Abe Lincoln  
Who wears such fine clothesies,  
And commands our attention  
As an expert in noses.

K stands for Karp,  
With face smiling and bland,  
He will sell you fine clothings,  
When he grows to a man.



E stands for, "Ezra",  
Who is often called, "Mick",  
If you go to the henery,  
He'll sell you a chick.

S stands for Shorty,  
Who works in the station,  
Making out for old Sliver,  
A well balanced ration.

P stands for pudden,  
You stir with a stick,  
When Broncho gets after it,  
It goes mighty quick.

E stands for Eclectic,  
Our rivals at Storrs,  
If they'll tend to their laurals,  
We'll try to tend ours.

A stands for A. C.  
Better known as the "Kid",  
His papa came over  
This week, so he did:

R stands for Robert,  
Who is sometimes called "Gimp",  
When drill time approaches,  
He walks with a limp.

E stands for Edwin,  
Whom people call "Ted",  
The last time I saw him,  
He was snug in my bed.

A stands for a girl,  
Who certainly will  
Be left in the cold,  
If she don't marry Bill.

N stands for nothing  
That I've ever heard,  
So I guess if you'll let me,  
I'll end with that word.

Now take all the headings,  
At the front of each verse,  
And they'll spell out the name,  
Of the club that stands first.

## SOME NECESSITIES at S. A. C.

WRITTEN BY H. KIRKPATRICK,  
FOR THE E. L. S.

The College is greatly in need of a gymnasium and drill hall. At present, the military company drills in the basement of the main building, which is damp, close, and moreover, not large enough for the purpose. Plenty of exercise is essential for the healthy development of a student. Fresh air is necessary; hence the need of a capacious, well ventilated room.

The young ladies have a gymnasium, which is undoubtedly beneficial. The boys have nothing of the kind, and, therefore, get but little exercise, when the weather does not admit out door sports.

Work, in itself, is not sufficient exercise as a relief from study, but the thorough, and agreeable exercise, received from a gymnasium, is of great importance.

A physical training, is considered of great value, in the formation of a moral character, as is evident by the work of our land.

Another thing, which the College is greatly in need of, is a library building; perhaps of more importance than the gymnasium.

At present, our library and reading-room combined, is located in a room about 25 by 30 ft.; situated in the central portion of the main building. The library is well stocked with about 3000 volumes of fiction, travel, biography, and science, together with all of the best current literature of the day. There is a standing government fund, which furnishes material for the library. The present room, is not large enough to maintain the rapidly increasing supply of literature, and a building for that purpose, would stand as a monument among our College buildings.

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We sincerely hope, that with the increasing number of students, we will, in the future, see some of these necessities supplied.

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