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## S. A. C. LOOKOUT.

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### EDITORIALS

The prospects of a large entering class next year are favorable. At the early examinations held at the College and at the Capitol Building Hartford, eleven candidates presented themselves, of whom four were girls.

In presenting this, our Mid-summer number to the public, it must be remembered that there are only a few of the regular board here and on that account the paper may not be quite up to the standard of former issues.

The Summer Term which the Senior class must attend began June 28, and continues for eight weeks. The subjects taught are Agriculture, Horticulture, Entomology, and Free-hand Drawing, as well as practical work in the field of five hours duration each day.

One of the pressing needs of the college at the present time is some adequate means of pumping water. With the present system the wind is not sufficient to supply the needed amount, and the pump is not strong enough to stand the strain of pumping by steam. A new pump of some more approved pattern is much needed.

The Professors in the different departments have offered prizes as inducements to good efforts. The Professor of Agriculture has offered a prize of one dollar for the best collection of grasses and the Professor of Entomology has offered two prizes, of one dollar and of fifty cents respectively for first and second best collection of insects.

In the absence of our President, the Trustees were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. H. A. Ballou of West Fitchburg Mass. as Prof. of Entomology. Mr. Ballou is a graduate of Mass. Agricultural College and has been for two years on the Gypsy Moth Commission. He is starting a collection of insects for the college that will be of great value in future years. Mr. Ballou's thorough knowledge of the subject enables him to make it of much interest and value to all that have had the pleasure of studying under his instruction.

### ALUMNI NOTES.

E. B. Fitts, '93 has rented a large dairy farm in East Windsor Hill.

H. E. Atwood, '97 is working on a dairy farm in Washington, Conn.

W. A. Stocking, '95 is attending summer school of entomology at Cornell.

Ralph D. Gilbert, '97 has paid us two flying visits since Commencement.

H. E. Manchester, '91 is doing extensive business in growing seed potatoes.

Miss Erma L. Fuller, '97 is staying at home at Mansfield Four Corners, Conn.



"Mick" Taylor, '97 has recently sold a beautiful calf.

Grover H. Johnson, '97 spent a few days with his friends at S. A. C.

Charles L. Foskett, '97 is pursuing farming at his father's farm in Winsted, Conn.

A. C. Gilbert and R. D. Gilbert, '97 are working on their father's farm in Gilead, Conn.

Clayton T. Curtis is Civil Engineer on the Estate of Cornelius Vanderbilt at Newport, R.I.

Fred F. Bushnell, '97 still clings to his Alma Mater. He is employed by Dr. G. A. Waterman.

Benjamin S. Taylor, '97 is applying the theories of agriculture to practice in South Glastonbury.

Victor E. Lucchini, '97 is performing the duties of a foreman on the old Coe Farm of Meriden, Conn.

Miss Grace E. Snow, '96 spent part of her summer vacation in East Windsor with Mrs. E. B. Fitts.

Francis R. Comber, '97 occupies the position of a shipping clerk for Daniels Mills Co. of Hartford, Conn.

John N. Fitts, '97 is filling the position of Assistant in Farm Experiments at the Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station.

Since leaving the College, Robert D. Beardsley, '97 has been gaining in flesh under the parental roof in Plymouth, Conn.

It is reported that the two honor men of the '97 class intend to return to S. A. C. next fall as they have secured situations here.

J. H. Evans, '96 has secured the position of Assistant Gardener for J. W. Doane of Chicago, at his summer residence in Thompson, Conn.

C. S. Francis, '95 paid us a brief visit.

He is contemplating entering the senior year next fall in order to complete the College course.

Harry B. Luce, '97 is taking his delayed summer course at S. A. C. Every Sunday he is seen directing his wheel towards the North.

Walter L. Rosebrooks, '91, formerly clerk in a hardware store in Brooklyn, New York is spending the summer on the Valentine farm at Storrs.

Grover L. Johnson, '97 acts in the capacity of a drummer for doors, sashes, etc. Considerable of his time is devoted to correspondence.

W. A. Warren, '94 is very acceptably filling the position of Gardener for J. H. Whitmore at his country residence in Middlebury, Conn.

F. N. Buell, '97 is in the employment of Mr. Robinson, a market gardener in Terryville, Conn. His address is Terryville, Conn. P. O. Box 102.

The Alumni are respectfully requested to send information in regard their whereabouts and occupations, to the Editor of Alumni Notes.

The '97 class letter was started by H. E. Atwood, and reached Storrs on July 26. It contains considerable information about the occupations of the members of the class.

The manager of the foot ball team has mailed a subscription list to be circulated among the Alumni and friends of Storrs Agricultural College.

As the success of the foot ball season of '97 depends largely on the financial aid received from faculty, Alumni, and students of this institution, it is hoped that all who receive this circular will freely contribute. All contributions should be addressed to the Manager of Foot Ball Team, Storrs, Conn.

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## COLLEGE NOTES.

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Mr. J. C. Tobias and family of Boyruss, Ohio, are the guests of Mrs. Koons.

Fred Bushnell, '97 is taking charge of the horses in Dr. Waterman's absence.

D. J. Burgess was the guest of H. Kirkpatrick in Cromwell a few weeks ago.

"Love is a tickling sensation around the heart, which can not be scratched." Pincus.

Prof. Patterson has moved and is now occupying the house formerly occupied by Mr. Barrows.

Dr. G. A. Waterman and his wife are spending their vacation with their parents in the West.

Mrs. Potter of Palmyra, Ill. is making wax models of fruit and vegetables for the Horticultural Department.

Varley Bigham '99, and Thomas O'Brien '1900, are spending their vacation here working for Prof. Phelps.

Max Shaffrath '98 has altered his plans and instead of taking a business course will stay and finish his course here.

Prof. Edwin J. Lewis has resigned his position here as an instructor of English, and is taking a course in the University of Chicago.

The members of '98 class have purchased their class canes this summer so as to have the full benefit of them during their senior year.

E. S. Mansfield was obliged to go home a few weeks ago on account of serious trouble with his eye. He has recovered and is now pursuing his studies with his class.

"I'm George Smith, dont you know me". Said our worthy editor in chief to some students that had been mauling him for about five minutes, thinking that they had our tall professor.

The Exhibition Drill took place on the parade ground at 1:15 o'clock. The drill lasted for an hour, during this time the company went through the various manœuvres by platoon and company.

Pres. Koons is spending his vacation at the Convention of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, held in Minneapolis Minn. Prof. Phelps is acting president in the absence of Pres. Koons.

Pres. Washburn of Rhode Island Agricultural College spent a day here on the way to attend the Commencement exercises of Amherst Aggie. He graduated from Amherst in '78 and was the first Professor of Chemistry here.

As a consequence of the heavy rainfall, and the incapacity of the drains to take away the water, the lower end of the swamp was flooded to the depth of a foot or more.

Commencement Exercises were opened on Sunday, July 13 by the Baccalaureate Sermon delivered by the Rev. Edwin J. Lewis in the Second Congregational Church of Mansfield. The church was crowded to the doors by an interested and attentive audience. A good practical sermon was delivered and much good advice was imparted to the outgoing class, and to any one in fact who might need it.

Commencement Day was one of interest as-

well as pleasure. The schedule base ball game between the Alumni and undergraduates did not take place owing to the former party being unwilling to play without John Atkins '86 of Middletown. The graduation orations were delivered in chapel at ten o'clock a. m. Space does not permit printing the program in this issue. Honor positions for highest standing during the College were given to A. C. Gilbert and R. D. Gilbert.

Col. J. H. Brigham, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, of Washington, D. C. made the afternoon address, which was followed by conferring of diplomas and awarding of prizes.

Class night exercises took place Tuesday evening, June 15 in the College Chapel. The chapel which was very artistically decorated with ferns and mountain laurel, was filled with friends and relatives of the graduating class. A programme which did the class credit was delivered to a large attentive audience. The class showed much originality in their selection of subjects for the exercises, many of the old offices being dropped and new ones substituted. Among the new things were: the Class Will delivered by Grove H. Johnson. The Boaster, Harry B. Luce told of the extraordinary abilities and preformances of the class. R. D. Beardsley gave, Advice to Juniors, which if carefully followed ought to be of great value to the Junior Class. The literary exercises were followed by the usual class-night dance.

#### Experiment Station Notes.

The Director of the Experiment Station, Professor W. O. Atwater is visiting Europe for the purpose of looking up various lines of investigation in agriculture, and especially the subject of food and nutrition. Among other countries to be visited is Russia, where some of the best research has been conducted during the past few years. He expects to return to this country about Oct. 1st.

James S. Judd, who has been employed as Secretary during the past year, closed his labors with the Station July 1st and is spending the Summer in the Maine woods. He is planing to take up some form of newspaper work in the Fall.

The position of Assistant Agriculturist was vacated July 1st, by the retirement of W. L. Pentecost.

## PRIZE CONTEST.

The second Hicks prize was divided between Mr. A. C. Gilbert '97 and Mr. L. F. Bancroft '98. We print Bancroft's Essay on account of the fact that Mr. A. C. Gilbert's Essay was on the same subject as Mr. R. D. Gilbert's which won the first prize.

Arbitration as a substitute for war.

The question is again presented to the philosophical thinker whether war has not done its legitimate work, and whether, the security of peace between nations may not be effected, by the universal recognition of the principle of international arbitration.

The world, slowly, it may seem, but always surely, uprises from the errors of the past into the realization of a new and better life.

As we look back over the history of the human race and compare the civilization of the present day, with that of earlier times, we can easily see that progress has been made.

We need not go far back in the history of the world, to discover a time when men and nations, were unwilling to settle their disputes by an impartial judgement. Slowly, but surely, as the years roll by, the institutions of men have come to receive more fully, a higher conception of right. Civilized men no longer settle their disputes by brute force, but by appeals to reason; and in recent times certain nations have endeavored to pursue the same course, in the settlement of international controversies. In short, arbitration, among civilized nations, is beginning to be recognized as the only rational mode of settling international differences.

Since 1815 there have been over seventy cases of successful arbitration for the settlement of international controversies, involving, among other grave questions of interest and law, the Alabama affair. Can there be offered a more conclusive proof of the practicability of arbitration as a substitute for war?

How, from a purely religious point of view, can war be considered necessary if the laws of nations are founded upon the law of God, the gospel of peace?

The words and teachings of Christ are an

historical as well as a religious protest against war, yea, against the hatred that begets war. Let us for a moment consider what he says upon the subject. "They that take the sword shall perish by it." "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it." And surely, the true christian of today, will not for one moment hesitate as to the true meaning, and the practical value of these sayings. In the first instance we have an immortal truth, assailed in vain by the warelement of nineteen centuries; in the second, a sacred benediction manifesting the truth and bringing life in line with it.

"It is evident that militancy and industrialism are antagonistic in their leading aims and tendencies." The one removes permanently a large number of possible wealth-producers from the field of productive labor which the other would fain restore, thus adding to the accumulated wealth of the community. The one destroys property which the other has struggled to create. The one is reckless of human life, while the other regards fulness and sanctity of life as the end of all human endeavor. What worthy part, then, can militancy play in the higher civilization of the present day?

It is true, that war has played a necessary, and on the whole a beneficent part in some of the great movements of our modern civilization. But it is with only a few exceptions, that the pages of history teach, that war has played anything but an evil and reactionary part in the recent progress of the world.

It is argued, many thousands would be deprived of office and the means of livelihood by the abolishing of war. This limited view is set right by consideration of the fact that armies consist of compulsory enlisted men who would gladly return to their occupations; and the officers, whose services would not be needed in a state of universal peace, constitute an altogether insignificant group compared with the millions who are made to groan by the tyranny of needless wars.

Our industrial steadiness and prosperity are the envy of the world. The industrial success of our government is due to the fact,



that the United States has been free from the strifes which have exhausted the resources of Europe.

"The maintenance of peace by constant preparation for war, imposes upon the toiling masses a needless, and terrible burden. The laboring men of the civilized world will not always patiently submit to this tyranny." And, it is not too much to hope, that in the near future, by the civilization which the progress of knowledge produces, the approximate disarmament of Europe will be effected, and the enormous waste entailed by the support of standing armies and the withdrawal of millions of able-bodied workers from the ranks of the wealth-producers will be stopped, with resultant benefits to the toiling masses, and a tremendous impetus toward the triumph of a world-wide industrial civilization.

When the laboring men of Europe are once thoroughly aroused to the fact that the maintenance of standing armies is not only an assault upon their reasons but also upon their pockets, that war taxes largely increases the difficulty of feeding and clothing their families, they will demand with voice the reduction of the standing armies of Europe to a minimum and the universal recognition of the principle of international arbitration. "This influence it is, more than any other, which today is turning the armies of Russia into an adjunct to the police force."

The wisdom of settling international disputes by a court of arbitration cannot be questioned. This plan once perfected, war would no longer be a menace to nations. Standing armies and great navies, would be unknown, and millions of people would be returned to agricultural and mechanical pursuits, and billions of dollars would be left with the people, instead of being expended annually in the support of these great armies for no other purpose than the destruction of human life and property. The strife of rebellion, the fierceness of war, would be checked, would be subdued, and in the end would be overcome and made impossible forevermore. The world then might truly say: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

## THE SUMMER TERM

Persons who have given the matter much thought must readily see that there are certain lines of study that cannot be successfully taken up without there is plenty of material for laboratory and field study. On this account the Summer term was introduced into the College year at Storrs.

The term which consists of eight weeks is placed between the Junior and Senior years, and no person is allowed to graduate unless they have taken the work of this term.

The subjects taught are Agriculture, Horticulture, Entomology, and Free-hand Drawing, and each student is required to do 5 hours out door work each day for the Horticultural or Agricultural departments.

In the line of Agriculture, grasses and forage plants are studied in their relation and value to the farmer, and some work is done in collecting and analyzing the different common grasses, in order to be able to distinguish them readily when seen in the field.

A part of the time is spent on leguminous plants, especially clovers and the ones used in soiling or for the silo.

In the line of Horticulture, the varieties of the different kinds of fruits, especially Strawberry, Blackberry, Raspberry, Currant, Grapes and Gooseberry are studied and each student is required to take notes on the different varieties and to distinguish for himself which would be of greatest value. The Standard varieties of all the small fruits can be seen, as well as many of the newer kinds. About the last of July work in budding is begun and each student is required to insert about 100 buds on different kinds of fruit trees; the apple, pear, quince, plum and cherry being the principal kinds.

In the line of Entomology, the different orders of insects are taken up, and then one typical specie of each family in the order is studied. After a study of this typical species, any insect may be readily classified into the order and sometimes into the family.

The last 2-3 weeks of the course are devoted to the study of injurious insects. Each student choses a certain class of insects as, those that attack the apple leaves, the peach borers, etc., and spend their whole time



during these last few weeks on that group of insects. During the term each student is required to make a collection of insects and many of the students have over 40 different species.

In Free-hand Drawing the principal work consists in drawing insects, either as a whole or in parts. This makes the student a keen observer and he is more likely to remember what he sees. Some work is also done in drawing different organs of plants.

Those students who have had the privilege of taking the work of the Summer Term, appreciate it very highly, and would not consider their course in the college complete were it omitted from the curriculum.

### ATHLETICS.

The Athletic League of New England State Colleges has been organized in Boston, on May 29. Below we print the agreement formulated by the delegates for submittal at the various colleges. If a majority of the colleges approve of the arrangement, then foot ball and base ball games will be arranged and, if possible, a track meet.

*Title.* This organization shall be known as the "Athletic League of New England State Colleges."

*Membership.* The following institution shall be eligible to membership: University of Maine, New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, University of Vermont, Mass. Agricultural College, Rhode Island College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, and Storrs Agricultural College.

*Government.* The affairs of the league shall be governed by a committee composed of one representative from each college. This committee shall meet at such times as may be mutually agreed upon and transact all necessary business.

*Eligibility to Athletic Teams.* No man shall take part in any league game or contest who is not a regular student at the institution which he represents. Previous to every such game or contest the manager of each of the opposing teams shall furnish the other with a list of the members of his team, together with a certificate from the president of the college that all such members are regularly enrolled students of the institution.

*Officials.* No person shall act as referee or umpire or fill any important official position who is in any way connected with either of the contesting colleges. This rule may be disregarded, however, by mutual agreement, in the case of linesmen and other subordinate officials. Arrangements for officials for each game shall be made by the contesting colleges.

*Expenses, Guarantees, etc.* Guarantees and similar financial arrangements shall be made for each game between the contesting teams, it being understood that the home team will pay the entire expense of the visiting team so far as possible. Calculations of expenses shall be made on the basis of 15 men for a foot ball team and 12 for base ball (including manager)- Any manager who desires to carry a larger number than this must do so entirely at his own expense.

*Schedule of Games for Foot Ball & Base Ball.*

1. Conn. vs. R. I.
2. Maine vs. N. H.
3. Mass. vs. winner of 1.
4. Winner of 2 vs. winner of 3.

*Rules.* The usual intercollegiate rules shall govern all games and contests.

The prospects of a good foot ball team this fall are very bright. We lose only three men in the outgoing class, but in these we lose two of the best players on the team, Beardsley at half and Comber at end.

There are several men who have played in one or two games last year that will be fully able to replace the men lost if they continue to play.

Of those who played last year there is N. J. Webb '98, full back, who is the captain of the team this season. In Webb we have an energetic man who will push the interests of the team to the utmost. There is also Clark '00 who played right guard, Mansfield '98, left half; Miner '99, right tackle; Parker, center; Onthrup '98 quarter back; Bancroft, Bingham and Hawley, substitutes. With this old material as a nucleus and with the new material which can be selected from the incoming class, it seems as though we ought not to be the tail enders in the League.

It is hoped that the foot ball players will lead more of a regular life next fall, and spend more time in practicing than they have done in the past years.

J. W. Pincus '98, the manager of foot-ball team, is hoping to secure a coach for the coming season, and also to provide a training table for the players.

The Trustees contemplate turning the lot on the Crane farm into an athletic field.

This is the only piece of land on the farm fit for the purpose, and with a small amount of money could be made into a very desirable field.

Considerable has been said about fixing up the old barn into a gymnasium. As the structure is so old and so far away from the athletic field, it seems as though it would be money thrown away to fix it up. There is no question but what S. A. C. will have to own a gymnasium in the near future, but it would be more practical and convenient to build a new gymnasium near the future athletic field.

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