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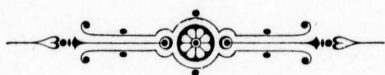
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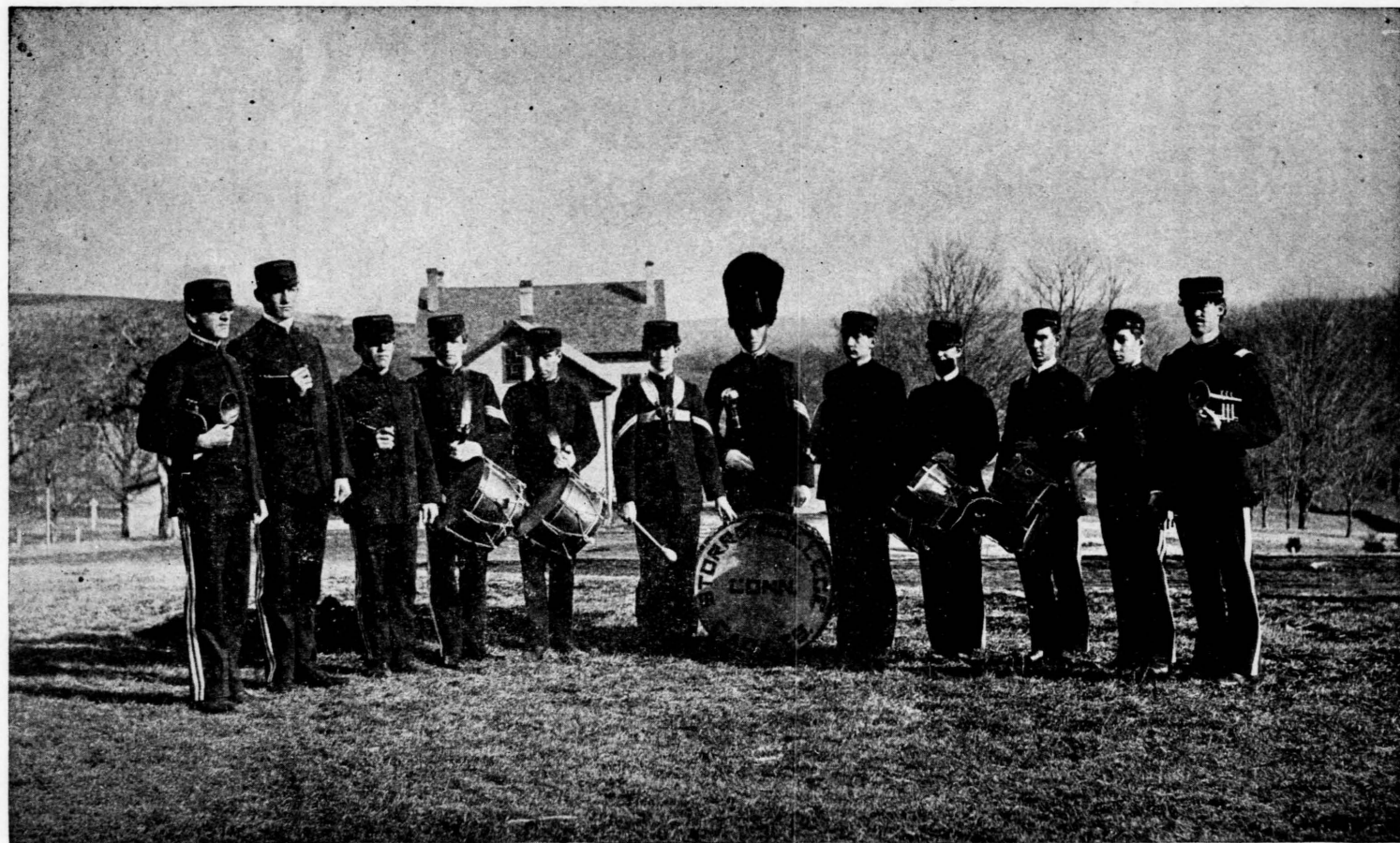
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EDITORIALS.

If the readers of this, our Mid-Summer issue, do not find it quite up to the regular standard, it should be remembered that only three of the regular Board of Editors are at the college, which will, in a measure, account for any defects which may occur in the paper.

The Summer Term opened on the 28th of June and will close Aug. 19th, thus making a term of eight weeks which the Senior Class is obliged to attend. The subjects taken up by the class are Entomology, Agriculture, Horticulture, and Free-hand Drawing. Besides the work of the class room, the students are required to spend four and one half hours each day in practical work of the Farm or Horticultural department, the student being allowed to choose between the two. One can readily see from the nature of the subjects taught that the Summer Term is the most agricultural part of the course.

The Agricultural part of the course consists of the study of the various grasses and their food value, of forage crops and their value to the farmer as silage and green fodder especially where it is desired to keep a large number of cows on small areas of land or where pasturage is limited. Each student is also required to gather and analyze twenty species of grass that he may become familiar with some of the common grasses in our fields.

In Horticulture, time is devoted to the study of the different varieties of our common and some of the newer fruits. A part of each lecture period is taken in visiting the orchard and nursery that the student may see the fruit in its natural state. Where a number of varieties are seen together, the student can tell for himself which is the most valuable.

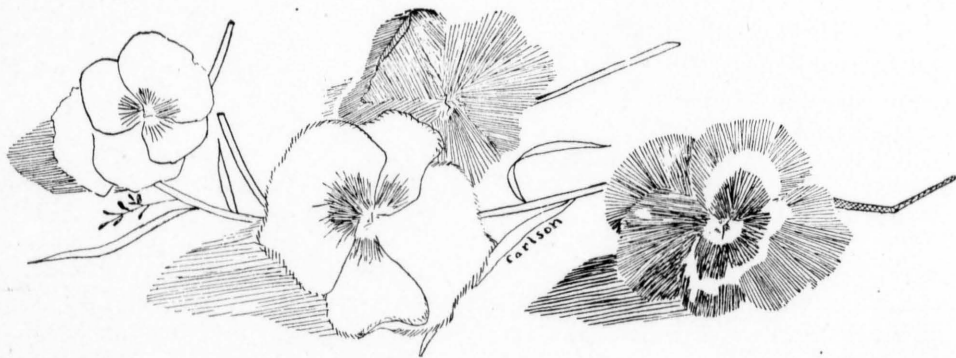
Each member of the class is required to spend several hours doing practical work in budding.

In the study of Entomology, the different orders of insects are taken up, special attention being paid to those that are injurious to farm crops.

Each member of the class is required to gather fifty species of insects, these to be divided among the different orders, thirty of the specimens must be identified, and of fifteen the student must be able to give the life history. In co'ordinance with Entomology is Free-hand Drawing, most of the time being spent in drawing insects, either in part or as a whole. In this way the student becomes a keen observer and is able to distinguish to what order the insects which he meets in the walks of life belong.

I think that if the members of the Senior Class were asked their opinion of the Summer Term, they would say, without exception that the Summer Term had been to them pleasanter and more profitably spent than any other term.

Through the courtesy of Prof. Wheeler, of the free-hand drawing and mathematical department, we are permitted to print in this issue, three drawings made by members of the '99 class. The sketch of the owls was made by Miss Eva Mason and was drawn from specimens in the college museum. The Sketch of the blackberries, by Mr. F. C. Welden, and the one of pansy blossoms, by Miss Selma A. Carlson were drawn from nature. This class has only received instruction in drawing for a short time, and the character of the work reflects credit upon the instructor and also upon the students.



ALUMNI NOTES.

At the annual meeting of the Alumni Association of Storrs Agricultural College, the following officers were elected : President, A. J. Pierpont, '95, C. R. Green was re-elected Secretary, and M. H. Parker, '94, Treasurer. All the vice-presidents were reelected, Mr. Max Schaffrath was elected vice-president from the class of '98.

'89. F. A. McKenzie is in the signal corps at Camp Jackson, Florida.

'90. Latham Hull of North Stonington, Conn., met with a serious loss in the destruction of all his farm buildings by fire.

'91. H. G. Manchester is running an extensive ice cream business at Winstead, Conn.

'91. A. H. Griswold is second sergeant in Co. I, 1st. Reg. U. S. V.

Carl Shultz, a former student of the college, is in Co. F., 1st. Reg.

'94. Walter Shultz is a private in a Wisconsin Regiment.

'95. George R. Hall is a private in Co. F., 1st. Reg., which is stationed at Camp Alger.

'95. M. M. Frisbie has been elected secretary and treasurer of the Southington Agricultural Association, which will hold a fair Sept. 28-9 in the Southington Driving Park.

'95. W. A. Stocking, Jr. has graduated from the Agricultural Course at Cornell University. He will visit the Alma Mater in August, before leaving for Pennsylvania, where he has secured the position of instructor of Agriculture and Natural Sciences at the State Normal School.

'97. F. N. Buell is a private in Co. H, where he will be with several of his former college mates.

'97. B. S. Taylor has secured a situation with a market gardener at Glastonbury.

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

'97. R. D. Gilbert is spending the summer at home. He has paid us one or two short visits since the opening of the Summer Term. He seems to be very much interested in *library work*, as much of his time was spent in the library.

'97. V. E. Lucchini is in the employ of Yale Brothers' Fruit Farm in Meriden, Conn.

'97. Francis Comber met with a serious accident Wednesday, Aug. 3d, in trying to save a barn from fire on Beeche's Farm, (West Hartford) where he was employed as book-keeper. He fell from a ladder about eighteen feet, injuring his spine. The extent of his injuries has not reached us.

In the Hartford Courant of Thursday, Aug. 4, there appeared a notice saying that Louis F. Bancroft, a former member of the class of '98 had volunteered in the 71st. New York State Reg., and gave his life in an attack on El Caney. In reply to an inquiry, sent to the Adjutant General, of New York State, as to the truthfulness of the above statements, the following reply was received: "Louis F. Bancroft's name does not appear on the muster-in-rolls of any organization from the state."

'98. Dennis J. Burgess is running his fathers farm at Mansfield Four Corners.

'98. C. S. Chapman is sergeant of Co. H., 3rd. Reg. U. S. V.

'98. C. S. Francis is quarter-master sergeant of Co. H., 3rd. regiment. He has recently recovered from an attack of malarial fever.

'98. Harry L. Garrigus is still at his Alma Mater, where he is helping in the construction of the new cottages.

'98. Walter S. Gillette is spending the summer at the college. He is employed by Professor A. G. Gulley.

'98. W. N. Hawley is orderly sergeant in Co. H., 3d. Reg. U. S. V.

'98. Herbert Kirkpatrick is second sergeant in Co. H., 3d. Reg. U. S. V.

'98. J. W. Pincus is staying at the college where he is doing some practical work in dairying. He intends to leave for the Woodbine School the first of September, where he will take up his duties as Farm Superintendent and Instructor of Dairying.

'98. Max Schaffrath, after a pleasant trip accross the ocean, reached the land of Emperior William, where his childhood was spent. His present address is as follows:

Bieskaw bei Dentschneukirch,

Obeschliesen, Germany.

On his return trip in September he intends to visit France and England.

'98. C. G. Smith is working on a farm in Litchfield County. His address is: Litchfield, Conn., Care of C. R. Duffee, Jr. He expects to start for the South in the fall where he has secured the position of landscape gardener.

'98. G. E. Smith is still at the college. He is employed by Professor H. S. Patterson.

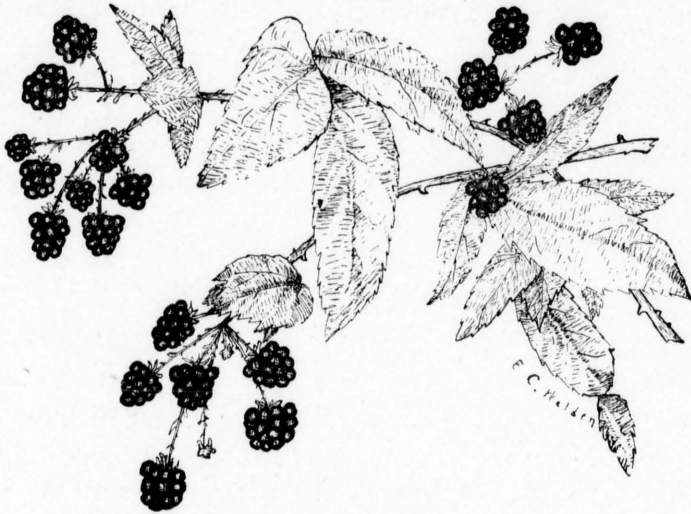
'98. H. F. Onthrup is working on a farm in Middletown.

'98. E. S. Mansfield is working on his fathers farm in North Haven.

'98. N. J. Webb has been taking a vacation at Bantam Lake after his hard labor on his father's farm in Plymouth.

He will take up a position with Butler and Jewell, fruit growers and nurserymen, Cromwell. In the winter he expects to start in the pasteurizing milk business.

To the Alumni, we would say that all information regarding their address or occupation would be thankfully received by the Editor of Alumni Notes. To those whose subscription has expired, or will in the near future, we would say that the success of the paper depends on their financial as well as literary aid, and it is hoped they will contribute liberally.



COLLEGE NOTES.

Our physics department now has an X rays machine.

Among the social events given in honor of the '98 class, before their graduation were: the Junior Banquet, the reception given by the President and Mrs. Koons, the fishing party given by Professor and Mrs. Phelps, the supper given by Professor and Mrs. Gulley, and the breakfast given by Professor and Mrs. Peebles.

A new feature of this years commencement, was the Graduation Exercises, held by the Extension Department, one of the principal features being an address by Mrs Alice Freeman Palmer of Cambridge, Mass.

G. M. Greene, President of '99 Class, and Editor-in-chief of the "LOOK-OUT," has enlisted and is a sergeant in Co. H , 3d Regiment.

Miss Clara Norton, of Bristol, is here again this summer, teaching drawing.

The Senior Class has elected W. N. Nettleton, as captain, and C. D. Smith, as manager, of the class foot-ball team.

G. Dana Warner, C. E. Blakely, and E. P. Brown, all members of '01 Class, are working at the college.

Miss Grace Blakeman recently visited Miss Clark, S. A. C., '96, at her home in Saybrook.

A. F. Green, '99, had the misfortune, on the fourth, to have his face filled with powder as the result of the explosion of a toy cannon. His eyes were somewhat injured, but we are glad to say they are much improved.

Mrs. C. S. Phelps attended the 10th reunion of her class at Mt. Holyoke, in June.

Professor W. O. Atwater and Mrs. Atwater visited the college a short time since.

The marriage of Professor C. A. Wheeler, Professor of Mathematics, to Miss Maud Knapp, Teacher of Domestic Science, occurred in Trumbull, Conn., June 16th, at 7 P. M. Among those attending were : Miss J. S. Bowen, Miss L. G. Lincoln, Mr. R. D. Gilbert, Professor R. W. Stimson, Mr. J. N. Fitts, and Messrs. Fairchild and Hunter, S. A. C., '01.

Professor Koons attended the meeting of the National Teachers Association, which was held in Washington, D. C.

Keep off the Cottage steps or you may catch (cold) some of these chilly evenings.

Miss J. S. Bowen, who is spending her vacation at her home in Eastford, will attend the summer library school at Amherst College.

We wonder why Burgess had to go " West."

Dr. N. S. Mayo has been taking a special course at the veterinary department of Cornell University.

Professor C. S. Phelps attended the Commencement Exercises of his Alma Mater, Amherst Aggie.

Mr. E. C. Welden, '99, has been elected temporary Editor-in-chief of the " LOOKOUT " in place of G. M. Greene, who has a sergeant in Co. H., 3rd Reg't C. V.

Professor Peebles and daughter, Margery, have been visiting his father in Salt Lake City, Utah. Before reaching home they will attend the Omaha Exposition.

One of the new cottages is nearly ready for the plasterers. It is better than any of the preceeding ones, and will be occupied by Professor Koons.

Professor H. A. Ballou, who has been spending a part of the summer at the college, making a botanical collection, is at present taking a special course in botany with Dr. Stone, at the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Mr. J. N. Fitts, Assistant Agriculturist, enjoyed a weeks vacation at his home in Windsor the last of July. A. C. Greene, '99, assisted in the work during Mr. Fitts absence.

Any of the members of the '98 class may have their half-tones sent them by sending four cents in postage to the Business Manager of the "LOOKOUT"

Professor Phelps recently made two business trips to Middletown.

Trustee S. O. Bowen has made us several visits of late.

An epidemic of whooping cough has been prevailing in the professor's families, Professor Phelps being among the victims.

Professor H. L. Sabsovich, the superintendent of Baron de Hirsch Agricultural School at Woodbine, N. J., has been here looking over the college. He is getting new ideas to be used in improving the school at Woodbine.

Professor G— to class in Hort.— "This class may know beans, but it is evident that they don't know cabbage."

Sergeant G. M. Greene, '99, and Private F. N. Buell, '97, of Co. H, 3rd Reg. C. V., made us a short visit recently.

Professor Peebles and daughter, Margery, have returned from their Western trip.

N. J. Webb recently made us a short visit prior to his going to Cromwell, Conn., where he has obtained a position with The Butler & Jewell Co., Fruit Growers and Nursery men.

First Senior:—"Why will Miss Yale have the best collection of insects?"

Second Senior:—"Because she alway has her "Net" with her."

Eleven applicants took the entrance examinations held in June. It is expected that a much larger number will take those to be held in September. For particulars as to the places and dates of examinations see back cover of this issue, or for further information, address, Storrs Agri. College, Storrs, Conn.

* Members of the College Y. M. C. A. will be at the depot in Willimantic, and other members at the College on the opening day of the Fall term, Monday, Sept. 19, to welcome and give assistance to the new students.

Dr. N. S. Mayo has returned from "Cornell."

Had you heard of the new firm of Garrigus & Patterson? Office, South Porch, Grove Cottage. Open every evening.

E. C. Welden, '99, lost some of his facial epidermis owing to an accident while on a trip to Willimantic.

Prof. C. L. Beach was suddenly called away to Chicago, on account of illness of his child.

GROVE COTTAGE NOTES.

Miss Sarah L. Emerson has been in charge of Grove Cottage during the summer term, and has occupied the position of matron. She has been very kind to the young ladies and they will regret seeing her go in the fall.

There have been several visitors at the Cottage this summer, among whom were Miss Sarah E. Yale of Meriden, Miss Parsons of Rhode Island, Miss D. E. Emerson of Brooklyn, N. Y., Miss Margaret Leach of Plymouth, and Mrs. E. H. Yale of Meriden.

Professor and Mrs. Patterson and family have held a suite of rooms in the cottage this summer and have been visited by Mrs. Phelps of Ansonia, a sister of Mrs. Patterson, also Mrs. Hotchkiss of Meriden.

The grading which has been done around the cottage this summer has been a great improvement to the appearance of the rear of the campus.

Miss Norton, the instructor in free hand drawing, has boarded at the cottage and her sister Miss Mary Norton of Bristol, has been visiting her.

A party of college people visited Niantic on July 23 to see the young men who have enlisted from Storrs.

One of the pleasant features (to some at least) of the summer term has been the sextette rehearsals, held at Grove Cottage on two evenings a week.

Prof. Phelps to class the in Agriculture—"Steal all the peaches you want, but don't get caught."

Nearly all the members of the summer class have been taking dancing lessons under Miss Rollinson of Willimantic. They have made very good progress although the class is rather large to get the best results.

Miss Lincoln makes a visit to Storrs occasionally to see that the young ladies are getting along well. "There is no question about that in my mind."

"Study your bug, you mustn't draw it as you *think* it should be but study it and see if you can't draw it as it *is*."—Professor K. to class in Entomology. "O yes that comes a little further along in my notes."

Miss Power has been here all summer with the exception of a week or two.

Pres. Flint made a flying visit to Storrs early in July but has not yet come to stay.

It is reported that Miss L.— is buying pens by the box.

Wanted—by Cassius W, a position as nurse girl.

EXPERIMENT STATION NOTES.

At the invitation of Prof. Atwater the Board of Agriculture spent the day, July 26th, in looking over work of the Station at Middletown. The work being done there is of special interest because it differs from what is

being done by any other Station in the country. Its high scientific value is appreciated by all the leading station workers, and by many of our best farmers.

The value of pot and box experiments for the study of questions in connection with field crops has long been appreciated by European experimenters, and in recent years a few American investigators have taken up the work. Experiments along this line have just been started by our own Station. A vegetation house 20x26 feet in dimensions has been built at the east side of the grass-garden. This is used as a shelter for the plants at night, and during storms. Several tracks and trucks are in use for rolling the pots into the sunlight whenever desired. The cans used are made of galvanized iron and are 20 inches high and 10 inches in diameter. A lead pipe on the outside extends from the top to the bottom connecting there with the interior. Through this the plants are watered. The work this year will not be on a very extended scale as considerable preliminary experimenting is necessary.

The special line of work to be followed is a study of the effect of nitro-geneous fertilizers upon the composition and feeding value of various fodder crops.

The tuberculosis cows which have been in quarantine here for nearly two years are apparently as vigorous a condition as when first brought to the Station. In only one case has the disease made any noticeable progress. Four calves which have been fed the milk of these cows for periods varying from six months to over one year have in no case shown signs of the disease.

The Baron de Hirsch Agricultural and Industrial School.

The catalogue of the Baron de Hirsch Agricultural and Industrial School having recently made its appearance, it was thought the readers of the Lookout may be interested to know something about the school.

The Baron de Hirsch Agricultural School is located in Woodbine, Cape May County, N. J., the Baron de Hirsch colony for the Russian Jews. The object of the school is to make practical, intelligent farmers who will be fitted to act as assistants to other farmers, gardeners, florists, etc., or will be prepared to profitably work farms of their own. The school was started as an experiment in 1894 on a very limited scale. The results the school gave were so encouraging, as to induce the trustees of the Baron de Hirsch Fund to apply in 1898 for means to extend the work of the school, to the Jewish Colonization Society, with which Baroness de Hirsch is connected. The last named organization responded liberally to the application, and the Trustees of Baron de Hirsch Fund were enabled to erect new buildings, buy new land for the use of the School, and to increase

materially the number of pupils.

The regular course of study will cover a period of three years. The work will be practical as well as theoretical. The students will be requested to work in the garden, field, orchard, dairy, greenhouses, stables, apiary, about 28 hours per week during winter, and about 40 hours per week during summer. The theoretical course includes besides the general subjects, several branches of Agriculture, and Horticulture, Chemistry, Physics, Botany, Zoology, Entomology, Comparative Anatomy and Physiology. The young lady students will have Domestic Science in place of some of the branches of Agriculture.

The new dormitory which will accommodate 100 boys will be completed by Oct. 1st, when the winter term commences. Twenty-five new pupils will be admitted in October, 1898.

Applicants for admission must be 14 years old, and pass a Third Grade School examination. Tuition is free, board is furnished at actual cost. Board and lodging will be furnished gratuitously to all those whose parents are unable to support them, but such students will be expected to offset such expenses by labor on the School farms.

The School farms contain 240 acres, 120 acres of which are in an excellent state of cultivation.

The Superintendent of the School, Professor H. L. Sabsovich, has been at the head of the Woodbine Colony since its organization in 1891. He is a graduate of Zurich (Switzerland) Agricultural College, and was for two years Assistant Chemist at Colorado Experiment Station. Besides Prof. Sabsovich, there are seven persons on the faculty, two of the instructors being graduates of the de Hirsch School, one of which graduated Rutgers College in 1898, and the other Storrs Agricultural College in 1898.

The Baron de Hirsch Agricultural and Industrial School is the only one of its kind in existence in the United States, and it aims to educate and thoroughly prepare the coming Jewish generation to be intelligent farmers.

ATHLETIC NOTES.

The annual interclass Field Day took place on Saturday afternoon, June 4th, at two o'clock P. M. The day was rather windy and raw but good records were established however. The meet was won by the '98 class, with 75 points to their credit. '00 came second with 34 points, and '99 class third with 8 points. It is a disgrace to the class of '01 that they did not enter a man in any event. Every class should do its best, and enter men in every event, even though they do not win places. Several good records were established especially in the shot put and hammer throw, by A. W. Pettee, '00. We regret to say that one of the contestants resorted to foul tricks in order that his fellow classmen might win points. We are also glad to say that his fellow classmen did not uphold him in his tricks, which is creditable to them. The following is a list of the events, the winners of first and second places, and the records established:

50 Yards Dash—Mansfield, '98, Lyman, '00. Time: 4 4.5 sec. College record.

Shot Put—Pettee, '00, Mansfield, '98. Distance: 32 ft. 9 in. College record.

220 Yards Dash—Mansfield, '98, Webb, '98. Time: 25 seconds.

Running High Jump—Webb, '98, Mansfield, '98. Height 5 ft. 4 in. College record.

Hammer Throw—Pettee, '00, Clark '00. Throw: 86 ft.

100 Yards Dash—Mansfield, '98, Lyman, '00. Time: 11 1-2 seconds.

Running Broad Jump—Lyman, '00, Mansfield, '98. Distance: 18 ft. 10 inches.

Bicycle Race—Burgess, '98, Francis, '98. Time: 3 min. 29 sec.

1-2 Mile Walk. Geo. Smith, '98, C. S. Fitts, '00. Time: 4 min. 13 1-2 seconds.

Mile Run—Green, '99, Nettleton, '99. Time: 6 min. 15 sec.

Obstacle Race—Webb, '98, Lyman, '00

440 Yards Dash—Mansfield, '98, Webb, '98.

Standing Broad Jump—Webb, '98, Mansfield, '98. Distance: 10 ft. College record.

Review of Baseball Season.

The Baseball season of '98 was a failure. The failure was due, partly, to the team, and partly to the under-graduates.

The under-graduates are to blame for not giving the team proper financial aid, and not turning out for practice. A team can not do anything unless all the students turn out and find out what they can do. From the best of these a team can be selected. The members of the team did not do their duty also. Some of the team sulked because they did not like the way the captain was running the team. They should remember that they were not playing to please the captain, but for the honor and advancement of the college.

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