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EDITORIALS.

We wish to beg the pardon of our readers for the tardy appearance of the October issue. This was due largely to a misunderstanding between our printers and another publishing house. We sincerely hope and trust that such a misunderstanding will not occur again.

At last the long looked for rifles have arrived. Although they are not of the latest pattern, yet they are a great improvement over the old muskets which have been in use here at the college. The drill will be much more interesting now that we are able to execute the firings. The routine of drill can also be broken by the use of blank cartridges, or by having a sham battle. In connection with this will be the added interest in the Commencement drill both to the students and their friends.

As winter draws near the need of an armory becomes more and more apparent. Under the present circumstances the work of the military company through the winter months is very limited. What we need is a building which will serve the double purpose of Gymnasium and Armory. We hope before another winter that a large Armory and Gymnasium combined, will grace the campus of Storrs Agricultural College.

THE OBJECT OF THE EXPERIMENT STATION.

Doubtless you have noticed the little red building, known as the Experiment Station, standing at the north end of this row of buildings, and perhaps you have wondered what it stands for.

For one thing, it stands for the signal service. And the little structure back of the laboratory which many of you may have thought a bee hive is known as the "weather house." When you open the door of this "weather house" you see before you a large barometer which registers the pressure of the atmosphere upon the earth at this place. There is also a small thermometer attached to the barometer, known as the "attached thermometer," which shows the temperature of the mercury in the barometer.

A little higher up you see two thermometers side by side. One is the "dry bulb" and the other is the "wet bulb." The dry bulb indicates the temperature of the air. The other has a small cup filled with water at its base, with a wick running up to the bulb for mercury. This gives the temperature of the evaporating water, and the difference between the two thermometers gives data from which the amount of moisture in the air is computed.

A little to one side there are two other thermometers known as the maximum and minimum thermometers. The first registers the highest temperature reached at any time during the day; the other registers the lowest.

These observations, together with the per cent. of clouds, and direction and velocity of the wind, are taken three times a day, at 7 A. M. and at 2 and 9 P. M.; also the amount of rainfall in inches is taken by catching it in a rain gauge and measuring it.

You may also have noticed the little wheel with cup shaped appendages on the roof of the laboratory. This is connected with an electrical machine which registers the rate at which the wind is blowing by making small marks on a sheet of paper. This paper is on a round drum which is connected with a clock that turns it. It is in a small glass case just inside the laboratory door. This sheet is changed every noon.

At the end of every month a report of the weather for that month is made out and sent to Boston. Weather telegrams are received every day and given to the public by means of the flags which you have seen displayed on the pole in front of the Experiment Station office.

But this red building stands also for an elaborate and careful system of

national and state experiment station work. And this, of course, is the greatest thing for which it stands. At the barn back of the Experiment Station on the 22, there are experiments carried on with sheep, to test the digestibility of different foods. Others are carried on with tuberculous cows, testing whether milk fed to calves from these cows will transmit the disease. There is also a series of careful experiments carried on throughout the state with different dairy herds to test the economy of various rations for milk and butter production.

There are field experiments carried on in the field opposite the farm buildings where the effect of different nitrogenous fertilizers on the composition of the plant is tested by using the same kind and amount of fertilizer year after year and by analyzing samples of each crop.

There is also a plot of ground called the grass garden. This has a collection of grasses to test the value of different kinds; and here there is also an experiment carried on similar to those in the field to determine the effect of nitrogenous fertilizers on grasses by using the same kind of fertilizers on the same plot each year, and by analyzing samples of the grasses.

In addition to this there is also an experiment carried on in cans in the little building back of the grass garden. The fertilizer, soil, and water are all weighed and, when the crop is ready to harvest, all of it is cut, weighed, and analyzed. These are the main activities of the Experiment Station here.

This station was established in 1883. By an act of the General Assembly the sum of \$15,000, received from the Government, is divided equally between the Connecticut Experiment Station at New Haven and this Station, but the General Assembly has enlarged the sum received by this Station to \$9,300 for the purpose of investigating the economy of food and nutrition of man, and for investigations of the bacteria of milk butter, cheese, and their effect in dairying.

This Station is also in cooperation with Wesleyan University at Middletown, and with the United States Department of Agriculture. The work done at Middletown are studies of different food products and the laws of nutrition of man, by chemical analysis, and by means of a respiration apparatus.

When after repeated experiments, facts are proved, they are published in bulletins and reports of the Station and are sent to all citizens of Connecticut who wish them and to other states as well; thus aiding the farm-

er to do his work in the most profitable way.

You see, therefore, that this little red building stands for a good deal. And in this work it does not stand alone, for there are 53 similar experiment stations in the United States, supported by the Government. Many of these have sent out over 150 different bulletins, and 15 or 20 annual reports. And from this it is evident that our government is doing its best to help the farmer who shares in its support.

ARTHUR F. GREEN.

Are Examinations a True Test of Scholarship and A True Means of Promoting Education ?

At the end of each term or oftener examinations are held and we who take them often feel that they fail in the purpose for which they are given.

As students, we are naturally much interested in anything which has to do with our college life, and among the problems of great interest to us, there is none of more importance than that of examinations.

We have examinations of two kinds; one good, the other bad.

The good examinations are those which are given from time to time, and go in as part of our daily record. They are helpful to us in several ways. Given many times when unexpected, it is necessary that a subject be well understood. They are a valuable drill in English, because we are required to think quickly, and at the same time, express clearly what we have to say. They require concentration of mind and are thus good mental discipline. Very often they serve as an incentive to constant study. We see and bring into practice the results of our study, and thus gain confidence in ourselves, when we see the progress which we have made. Examinations which give such results must be good.

The bad examinations are those given, as a test for promotion, at the end of the term.

We have become accustomed to looking upon examinations as an end, without stopping to think that they are only a means in education. We lose sight of the fact that examinations are intended to test such progress and thus help us by showing where we stand.

Many seem to think that they can do almost any kind of work through the term, if only they cram up a few days at the end for examination.

Of course under such circumstances much is lost and the influence upon the character is bad. Very often a student who has done very poor class work crams up for examinations and merely by the accident of being given the only question he can answer gets a better ranking than those who have done their class work well. A student who does this kind of work is not fit for promotion, to say the least.

Such study as this is of no value; all that has been learned is soon forgotten. It is superficial and cannot fit us well to do our part in life.

Where examinations are considered the most important part of our work, the results which are only produced by careful daily thought and study, must be lost. This may not be so of necessity, but it always has been true.

Here at Storrs in some of our courses a term has hardly begun before examinations begin to be held over us, and every student knows perfectly well that the requirements in most cases, are such as can be met with a few days cramming.

Early in my course, a student who did very poor class work through the year crammed up at the end for examinations which should have been taken long before. And the graduating essay was written the day before commencement.

But the worst evil, which such examinations have led to in the past is that of cheating. Many, by means of writing on the cuff, or carrying papers into class, get through all right, and stand equally as well on the books, as those who have been honest. There is nothing meaner. The student who cheats is a sneak. It is unfair from every point of view. The student is unfair to himself, to his classmates, to the teachers, to the whole College.

Examinations which either foster or permit such results are unquestionably bad. And they have proved to be a bad thing for not a few of the students at Storrs.

But we have in our course good examinations, and we know that they are valuable to us in two ways. They help us intellectually, because a permanent mastery of the subject is required; and they are valuable to us morally, because they create steady habits of industry and thoroughness.

We are thus able to compare intelligently the working of the examinations, which are good, and those which are bad. And although the good examinations are harder than the bad ones to prepare for, I think that the students themselves will see their true value and would prefer to have no more of the bad ones.

IDA L. HOBBY.

COLLEGE NOTES.

E. R. Kirschbaum, of Waterbury, has entered the '01. class.

Mrs. H. A. Ballou is teaching a part of the freshman B classes.

H. D. Emmons has been elected foot-ball manager, vice E. C. Welden, resigned.

H. W. Williams, '00. took a short vacation recently, owing to ill health.

The Rev. E. C. Barrows, of Saybrook, addressed the students at the Chapel exercises, Oct. 25.

Peanuts 5c. a quart. A peanut man visits the College every few days and does a good business.

New rifles of a somewhat modern pattern have been purchased to replace the antique relics formerly used by the cadets

Miss Elizabeth Valentine kindly gave a few recitations in her usual charming manner before Professor Stimson's English classes, Nov. 4

Miss Howe of Cambridge, Mass., a cousin of Professor R. W. Stimson, is spending a few weeks here, in order to regain her health.

Dr. N. S. Mayo has moved his household goods to the second floor of the new cottage. The grading around the cottages is nearly completed.

With what pleasant anticipations the seniors are looking forward to the writing of their comprehensive essays. I wonder why!

Trustee Halliday, accompanied by three Electricians, was here Oct. 19 looking over the ground for the proposed electric plant.

The family of Mr. B. E. Valentine have returned to their winter home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Hattie B. Flint, of Collinsville, has been spending a few days here with Pres. G. W. Flint and family.

A musicale was given in the Chapel Wednesday evening, Nov. 2, under the direction of Professor Peebles. The violinists were Prof. Peebles, Miss Isabelle Monteith, of Unionville, Mr. Mac Farlane, Wm. R. Flint, and Case '01. Mrs. Geo. W. Flint accompanied on the piano.

President and Mrs. Flint have been entertaining their niece, Miss Isabelle Monteith, of Unionville, for a few days. Miss Monteith is a daughter of Principal Monteith of the Unionville High School.

The grading done near the pond has improved the appearance of that section of the grounds very much. The ground formerly occupied by the old barn, which was torn down last spring, has also received attention.

Oh! that sad, sad day,
When the peach orchard was cut away.

This is the sentiment of many of the students on the destruction of the Experiment Station peach orchard. This was necessitated by an attack of the "yellows".

Robert. C Eddy of Simsbury has entered College to take up some special studies for the winter. A special dairy course is already provided for and we hope that in the near future other short courses may be opened to those who cannot take up the regular work.

Several of the students celebrated Halloween by a parade. Professor Phelps' carriage awoke to the spirit of the occasion to such a degree that it did not return to its usual resting place, but kept watch over Professor Peebles' mansion during the night.

The body of Mrs. A. R. Livermore of New Haven was brought here for burial Oct. 29. Professor R. W. Stimson officiated at the funeral. Mrs. Livermore was the wife of the late Rev. A. R. Livermore, former Pastor and dedicator of the church here. Her son, Dr. Charles Livermore, President of Adelphi College, Brooklyn, N. Y., attended the funeral.

The first Y. P. S. C. E. social of the season was held at Grove Cottage Friday evening Oct. 28, from seven until ten o'clock. An excellent program was well rendered, after which light refreshments were on sale.

The freshman A, freshman B, sophomore and junior classes all have rhetoricals this term. The freshman B class speak first, the others following in the order named above. The usual senior addresses will also be given, the first having occurred on Nov. 9.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.

The fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the present church here was observed on Tuesday, Oct. 25., with interesting exercises. In the morning the Rev. J. O. Barrows delivered a sermon; and in the afternoon G. D. Sotuhwick read a history of the church, and letters were read from many of the former Pastors of the church. At noon a bountiful collation was served in the Grange Hall. There were four present who were present at the dedication of the church—Rev. J. O. Barrows of Saybrook, Charles Preston of Willington, Mrs. E. A. D. Clark and Mrs. W. B. Whitney of this place.

The Rev. H. H. Davies, the new pastor of the church here, began the

services Nov. 6. Dr. Davies comes highly recommended, having lectured at Yale College; and he has also become somewhat noted as a writer, especially for philosophical and religious magazines. Dr. Davies is a graduate of Kings College, London, of Yale Theological Seminary, '88., and is a Ph. D. of Yale, '95. He has moved from Rocky Hill to the parsonage here.

At the semi-annual business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. held Nov. 6, the following officers were elected for the coming six months:—President, A. C. Gilbert; Vice-president, L. T. Banks; Secretary, Miss Lena Latimer; Treasurer, W. L. Chamberlain.

ALUMNI NOTES.

'86. J. Atkins spent a few days at the college, recently.

'95. Chas. Greene, of the "Hartford Courant" was here over the 23d.

'98. Grover H. Johnson visited his Alma Mater, recently, for a few days renewing old friendships.

'97. J. N. Fitts has given up his position as Assistant Agriculturist at the Experiment Station and is now running the furnaces in the several buildings of the College.

'97. A. C. and R. D. Gilbert are being tutored in Latin by Professor Wheeler.

'98. 1st Sergt. Hawley, 3rd. Reg. C. V., Camp Meade, Penn., made quite a stay at the College, recently, during his six days furlough. He brought up a car-load of horses from Camp. We have since learned, with regret, that he has been sent to the division hospital with typhoid fever.

'98. E. S. Mansfield returned to the College and coached the foot-ball team for two weeks.

'98. Hermon Outhrup made us a short visit over the 30th. He went with the foot-ball team to Norwich.

We regret that a mistake should have been made in our first issue, but the article concerning the promotion of our "soldier boys" is without foundation. We cannot locate the source of it and hope such will not occur again.

GROVE COTTAGE NOTES.

We are very glad to see so many new students at our Monthly Recep-

tions and sincerely hope all will come and have what fun you can. There are games provided for those who do not dance, so that all may have a pleasant time.

Dr. and Mrs. Mayo and family are boarding at the Cottage until their new house is completed.

Mrs. W., to student in sewing class, "You had better press those tucks before you do any more on that waist.

Student, O, never mind, they will get "pressed" enough if I ever wear it.

Hallowe'en the young ladies had a very interesting time. The early part of the evening was spent studying and later the parade by the boys was watched with much interest.

The Gymnasium class is doing very good work this year, there being more students and better discipline than last year.

Owing to the many stormy Saturdays we have had this term, the young ladies have been obliged to stay in the Cottage, instead of attending ball games as is their usual custom. We will hope for a few pleasant Saturdays before the term closes, so that we may have some ball games.

ATHLETICS.

The game with Norwich Free Academy was an exaggeration of the Willimantic game.

At the last moment, Lyman was compelled to resign his position as half-back on account of illness; Mr. Blakeslee then played in his place. In this way the team was so turned around that the men could not be expected to play as if they had played in their positions previously.

The team, with the '02. class, left the College at 7. 30, Saturday morning and reached Norwich at about ten o'clock.

A very enjoyable time was spent in the Slater Museum and in the Manual Training department. Professor Wheeler greatly interested the students with his account of the busts and statues.

A lunch was served "by the ladies" (much to the enjoyment of the young men) and at 2.45 the game was called.

It soon became evident that the changing about of the players was telling upon the score. The interference of Norwich was something that puzzled the Storrs boys and showed what good coaching can accomplish. The N. F. A. put up a good game with the exception of the kick-off; on

this they were notably deficient.

S. A. C. played too individually; there was a general lack of unity in our playing which would not have happened had the regular men been there, altho' each man tried to do his duty.

The score at the finish (of Storrs) was something that S. A. C. don't like to hear about—43 to 0.

Never has Storrs played with a more gentlemanly team than with the Norwich Free Academy.

S. A. C. Line-up.

c Galpi
 r g Edmond
 l g Pettee
 r t Hoadley
 l t Nettleton
 r e Downing-Mansfield
 l e James-Downing
 q Hunter
 r h Blakeslee-Lyman
 l h Banks
 f b Clark

The game with the Willimantic High School resulted in a score of 29 to 0 in favor of W. H. S.

Lyman and Banks did not play the first half and Pettee was unable to play at all. Their places were filled by the best men procurable.

During the first half Storrs' line did not work in unity and it did not work in harmony with the backs. Storrs kicked off and then by line and end plays Willimantic made a touchdown. This method was followed until the last score was made.

In the second half Storrs began to play hard. W. H. S. found it somewhat difficult to make her five yards. The ball was kicked on last down considerably during the last half.

Line-Up.

Essex	c	Nettleton
Utley-White	l g	Smith
Robarge	r g	Edmond-Galpin
Wiggins-King	r t	Galpin-Hoadley
O'Neil-Wiggins	l t	Harvey
Foran(c)	l e	Downing-Miner

Young	r e	James-Blakeslee
Flynn	q	Hunter
L. Dondero	f b	Clark
Daniels	r h	Blakeslee-Lyman
J. Dondero	l h	Hoadley-Banks
Referee and Umpire, Congdon		Miner, Referee
		Prof. Ballou, Umpire

Mr. E. S. Mansfield '98. coached the team, but the results were not the best on account of the changing about and the substituting.

Storrs, season of foot-ball ended with the W. H. S game.

Taking into consideration the unfortunate condition of affairs S. A. C. put up a good season, but those conditions were so prevalent that the good work is quite indiscernable-

EXCHANGES.

The High School Panorama, Binghamton, N. Y. makes a neat appearance, with its bright cover and nice reading matter.

The Argie Life, Amherst, Mass. is up to its usual fine standard. The Exchange department shows originality in the number of Oct. 26.

The P. H. S. Monthly is a new exchange and it ranks well up in the line in its literary department.

The Shady Side Academy News, Pittsburg, Pa. has a good illustration on its cover and excellent editorials.

The School Bell Echoes, Merrill, Wis. is one of our smallest exchanges, but is neat and well edited.

An interesting story in the High School Item named "The White Owl" is pleasing to all who read it.

The Argyle News, 215 West 51st St., New York is in great demand on our exchange table.

The M. A. C. Record is always on hand and is read with much pleasure.

A large and attractive exchange named "The Premier," has arrived for the first time. It contains some interesting articles, but a large amount of Athletics.

Wouldn't it be a good plan to remember that a good joke will stand telling twice, but there is such a thing as wearing it out. Originality is the thing to be sought for by all of us.

I think you will all agree with me when I say anything copied from another paper deserves having the name of the paper that it was clipped from after it

The Guard and Tackle has a good illustration on its cover page.
The Aegis, Bloomington, Ill. has a good "Local Department."

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