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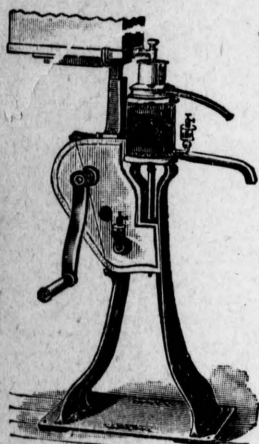
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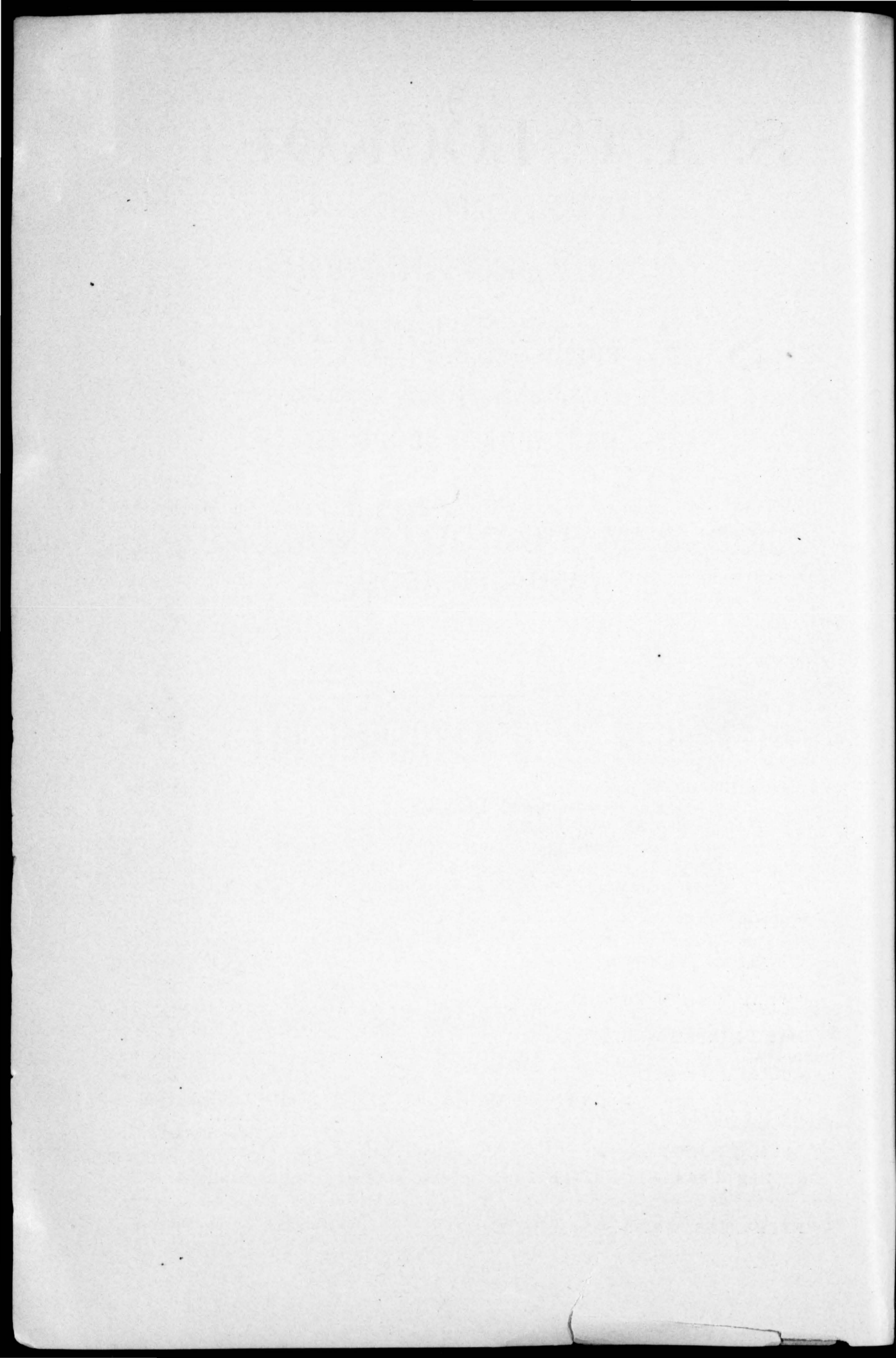
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On another page of this issue will be found a story written by one of the students. This is the first of its kind that has ever appeared in the LOOKOUT. The editors wish to encourage the students to do more in this line. Perhaps the first attempt will not be satisfactory, but try again.

We certainly hope that in the future we may have more stories from the students.

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As spring draws near we hear on all sides queries as to what sort of a baseball team we are to have this season. Although

no regular practice has been started, yet what little has been done the indications are that we shall have a good team. All that can be done by the captain and manager to make the team a success will surely be done; and the rest remains with the students themselves. They must take interest enough in it to try for the team and to help it out by subscribing liberally.

At last a Glee Club has been started here in the College, with Mr. C. R. Smith of Wesleyan University, as instructor. This is an organization which is much needed in the institution and we wish it great success.

## JONATHAN TRUMBULL.

I wish to speak to you this evening upon the character of one of Connecticut's most illustrious sons, Jonathan Trumbull.

The first ancestors of the American Trumbulls came from England; and the father of Jonathan located in Lebanon, Connecticut, where, on June 10, 1710, the future Governor was born.

He was graduated from Harvard College in 1727. He studied theology and was licensed to preach, but he soon devoted himself to the mercantile business, and ultimately to the law. He was considered as a leader of the Whigs of New England. And when he became Governor he was still living in Lebanon.

He lived in the times that tried men's souls, and his faithfulness and fidelity were never questioned, which is no small proof of the sterling character of this man.

But he was more than a good private citizen. His character was such that he was valuable to his state, and the state was pleased to honor him.

For sixteen years he was Governor of Connecticut; and he was also a member of the United States Senate.

His worth was recognized beyond his own state, for he became a prominent national figure. Indeed Washington found him to be one of his most trusted counsellors and supporters.

When General Washington was appointed commander of the army of the Revolution he went to Massachusetts to organize it and make preparations for the defence of the country. Immediately he found a great want of ammunition and other means necessary to meet the powerful foe he had to contend with, and he found great difficulties in obtaining them.

If attacked in such a condition the cause at once would be hopeless. On one occasion at that anxious period a consultation of the officers and others was held, when it

seemed that no way could be found to make such preparation as was necessary.

His Excellency, Jonathan Trumbull, was then Governor of Connecticut, and as Washington placed a great deal of reliance on his judgment and aid, he remarked, "We must consult Brother Jonathan."

He did so, and the Governor was successful in supplying many of the wants of the army. Afterwards, when the army was spread all over the country and difficulties arose, it became a common phrase to remark, "We must consult Brother Jonathan."

The origin of the expression was soon lost sight of, but the name, "Brother Jonathan," came to be regarded as the national sobriquet.

During the Revolution, Trumbull used his store as a war office, and many anxious hours he spent in that old one-story, gambrel-roofed building.

The Sons of the Revolution have within a few years repaired the building and erected a bronze tablet over the fire-place, on which is inscribed:

"LEBANON WAR OFFICE."

During the War of the Revolution Governor Trumbull and the Council of Safety held more than eleven hundred meetings in this building, and here also came many distinguished officers of the Continental army and French allies.

"Their monument is more enduring than bronze."

But the sterling character of this man as a public servant only seems to be a repetition of the character of his ancestors, and is shown by the origin of the name.

The name Trumbull comes from an incident that has been brought down through the ages on the pages of history. In Scotland one of the ancestors of the family saved the life of a royal personage by diverting the attention of an angry bull from his majesty. In



reward for this act of bravery and loyalty he was allowed to wear three bulls' heads on his crest. After this incident the name of his family became Turnbull, but in the course of time it was changed to Trumbull.

Moreover, his successors seem to have some of the genuine Trumbull blood coursing in their veins, and this is shown by the accomplishments of two of his sons.

One of them, Jonathan, was born in Lebanon and was graduated at Harvard when nineteen years old. He was paymaster in the army, and later aide-de-camp to General Washington. He was Governor of Connecticut eleven years and also a Member of Congress.

The other, John, was born at Lebanon and was also a graduate of Harvard College. He joined the army, was Adjutant-General to Gates. Later, after resigning his commission, he went to England to study art, and while there, during the excitement caused by the execution of Andre, he was suspected of being a spy, and was imprisoned eight months. He became a noted painter and devoted seven years of

his life to the painting of four grand pictures for the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington, "The Declaration of Independence," "Surrender of Burgoyne," "Surrender of Cornwallis," and "Resignation of Washington at Annapolis."

And since, there have been other Trumbulls who have added honor to this illustrious family.

At the time of the Trumbull celebration in Lebanon a few years ago, Mr. Burr, editor of the *Hartford Times*, said: "Everybody in these days who has a grandfather works him for all he is worth." Therefore I hope you will pardon me if I boast a little that I have the honor of being an unworthy descendant of the illustrious Jonathan Trumbull.

And in closing, I will say that I am sure any of us would be proud to merit the honor and tribute General Washington paid him when he said, "A long and well spent life in the service of his country places Governor Trumbull among the first of its patriots."

*Cassius Way, '99.*

## "WHAT IS A FURLOUGH?"

### I

An up-to-date paper I was reading.

I saw a picture of a soldier leading  
A mule by the halter.

And after that I did not falter  
To scribble the following verse,

That doubtless could not have been worse.

### II

"What is a furlough?" asked the school teacher.

"I know," said little Johnnie Beecher,

"A furlough is a mule,

Ask any fool,

Hell tell you the same,

For it's only a change in the name."

### III

"I'm sorry you think so," said the master,

"For I don't want to cause a disaster,

But, if you think them alike,

Why ride on a mule some night;

In the morning you will have another idea,

Or I shall think its kind of queer."

### IV

"A furlough is a mule," said Johnnie, "I know,  
I have a book at home that says so."

Now the teacher getting interested said,

"Can you bring me that book before going to  
bed?"

The boy never thought that a mistake had  
occurred;

But he brought the book true to his word

### V

In his triumph he opened to page 1901,

And there was a picture of a soldier, a mule  
and a gun.

The teacher laughed at his pupil holding the  
book,

When under the picture he happened to look.  
Now what do you think he read?

"Going home on a furlough," was all it said.

*T. F. DOWNING, '01.*



## MARY MINER'S WEDDING DAY.

It was a beautiful May morning in 1808. The sun had just risen over Bald Mountain and in the apple trees, now in full bloom, the birds were pouring forth their beautiful songs of praise and joy.

Just under the hill nestled the farm house of Hiram Miner. There everyone was up and busy, for on this day his daughter, Mary, was to be married. She was a beautiful girl with the healthy glow of the country in her cheeks. Her character was as beautiful as her outward appearance. Her parents had brought her up to respect God, and the stern Puritan character had been trained in her. She was the soul of honor, and once her mind was made up that anything was right, nothing could swerve her from her belief.

But she did not seem happy this morning as she moved around doing her household duties. Many years ago she had loved a young man named James Whittlesey, the son of a neighboring farmer. They were engaged to be married, and James had left one Summer day to go to Kentucky to earn money so that they could be married. James wrote regularly for a while, but suddenly his letters ceased. Mary did not give up hopes of seeing him again until three years had passed, and then she decided that he was dead. After a while she became engaged to another. David Willis was a well-to-do farmer who was much respected by his fellow townsmen, and Mary respected him, but she did not love him. Through all these years she remembered James, and her love did not die.

Mary was to be married at eight in the evening, and that afternoon, after the excitement of the day, she went out in the woods to walk. She sat down under a tree and was suddenly startled by hearing her name called. She looked around and saw a bearded young man coming toward her. She did not know him; but when he spoke her name again, she recognized James' voice. She flew to his arms, but suddenly drew away as she realized that no longer could she treat him as she formerly did. Her heart sank as she thought that the news of her wedding must be broken to him.

She spoke softly, "James, today I am to be married—I thought you were dead—and so tonight I marry another." With a cry of sorrow she said this, and James turned pale, for he knew that such was her character that she would do as she said she would. He gave one look at her—the last he would ever give—and turned and walked away.

That night Mary was married. She was the gayest among those that made the old house tremble with mirth; but beneath all there was a far-off look in her eyes. No one had seen James and no one ever saw him again. He returned to Kentucky and no one in that village knew that there were two hearts that forever ached for each other.

*H. D. Emmons, '00.*



## COLLEGE NOTES.

What are you going to do toward making base ball a success?

New Manual—"Right face ; right shoulder arms ; march.

G. Dana Warner, ex-'01, was a recent visitor at the college.

Mr. Allen B. Lincoln, of Willimantic, spoke at the Y. M. C. A. meeting March 5th.

The Freshman B Rhetoricals were held in the chapel February 22d.

The Freshman A Rhetoricals occupied the attention of the college people on the evening of March 1.

The Sophomores gave their friends the pleasure of listening to their Rhetoricals March 8.

Prof. C. S. Phelps gave an illustrated lecture at the Farmer's Institute, held in Cromwell March 1. Mr. A. C. Gilbert had charge of the lantern.

Mr. Chic Darlington, who recently took charge of the Poultry department, has left and is now in New York. Kirkpatrick, '98, is in charge temporarily, a permanent instructor having not as yet been secured. Mr. Darlington was a good judge of poultry and purchased some fancy thoroughbred stock for the department.

"Elmable" has another to add to its already long list of social events. Prof. and Mrs. C. S. Phelps gave a valentine party to the Seniors February 11. Light refreshments were served.

The Juniors enjoyed a class lunch on the afternoon of February 11, after which the following toasts were given: "Storrs"—Anna C. Jacobson. "The Seniors"—Hermon D. Edmond. "The Athlete"—Marie C. Brown. "The 1900 Girls"—Chas. S. Fitts. "Prospects of our Senior Year"—Eva B. Mason. Remarks were also made by Miss L. G. Lincoln and Prof. R. W. Stimson. A. W. Pettee, president of the class, acted as toastmaster.

March 2nd the college was inspected by the Agricultural Committee of the Legislature. They looked over the several departments and watched the cadets drill. Those present were Senators Frank Day and A. W. Mitchell; Representatives C. D. Barnes, P. G. Seeley, D. F. Newton, J. M. Pickett, C. S. Spaulding, L. H. Jewett, E. M. Granger and J. B. Palmer. Representatives of the appropriation committee was also present.

A number from here attended the State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. in Norwich, February 23 and 26. Some valuable points and much inspiration for the work were received.

A Bible class has been started by M. E. Brown, '90, now of New London. Mr. I. E. Gilbert is president and Mr. H. D. Edmond secretary.

Calisthenic exercises are now being made a part of the inside drill. These help much to add variety to the work.

Mr. C. F. Palmer, who, under the direction of Prof. C. S. Phelps, was making some dairy tests at a large farm near Manchester, completed his labor about the middle of February, and is now assisting at the Experiment Station.

An extension to our sidewalk system would be appreciated by the students.

Mrs. J. H. Blakeman of Oronoque was a guest of her daughter, Miss Grace Blakeman, for a few days.

Wanted—a rest: the boxing gloves.

Some of our boxers have been getting in some good exercise of late.

Mrs. G. K. Harroun of New York city, wife of Mr. G. K. Harroun, secretary and treasurer of the Cuban Educational Association of the United States Army, has been the guest of President and Mrs. Flint. Mr. Harroun had previously visited the College to inspect and inquire as to our capability and willingness to receive

one or more Cuban students. He expressed himself as pleased with the institution, and we expect the Cubans soon.

A Glee Club with about twenty members has been formed. Mr. C. R. Smith, leader of the Wesleyan Glee Club, has been secured as instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bushnell of Danielson have been the guests of their son, H. L. Bushnell, '02.

Mrs. Columbus Smith of Westminster recently spent a few days at the College.

Miss Anna L. Conger of New York State has recently entered college.

## GROVE COTTAGE NOTES.

The February reception was an unusually good one. The floor was in good shape for dancing and every one seemed to have a very pleasant time.

The C. E. social, which was held at the Cottage February 25, was also quite a success; although the committee in charge would have been pleased to have seen more present. As it was, the sum of about ten dollars was raised from the sale of ice cream, candy and cake.

The young ladies prepared and served a lunch to the Legislative Committee, who visited the College March 3. Some of the members of this committee did not know when they came to the College that it is a co-educational institution. We sincerely hope that none of them was ignorant of the fact when they went back to Hartford.

The young ladies of the Senior Class entertained the young gentlemen of their class on Saturday evening, March 4, between 7 and 10 o'clock.

Among the recent visitors at Grove Cottage were Mrs. E. H. Yale of Meriden, Mrs. G. M. Schuck and son of Collinsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Elliott House, who were on their way from Providence to their new home in Wilson, New Hampshire.

The Rev. Mr. Morgan and wife of Hampton have been the guests of Professor and Mrs. B. F. Koons. Mr. Morgan was formerly pastor of the church at Storrs.

The Faculty at the Cottage gave a surprise party to Mr. W. L. Chamberlain on Monday evening, February 27. Mr. Chamberlain was to leave Storrs for West Brookfield, Mass., on Tuesday, and as a parting reception the Faculty met at the Cottage, and, after a social time, presented Mr. Chamberlain with a set of the works of Gen. Lew Wallace. A luncheon was served.

## ALUMNI NOTES.

'86—W. L. Chamberlain has left the employ of the College and gone to West Brookfield, Mass., to take charge of his uncle's farm.

'90—M. E. Brown of New London was here February 5th and 12th to address the Y. M. C. A. He was snowed in for a few days on his second trip.

'94—J. C. Frisbie of Southington was here over the 5th ult. enjoying the hospitality of the students and making a general survey of the institution.

'95—A. J. Pierpont, president of the Alumni Association, spent a week at the College recently. Some of his time was devoted to study and the rest to looking



over the prospects for the progress of the College.

Ex-'95—Mr. Palmer of Jewett City was here the second of this month. He was in the Class of '95, but did not graduate.

'98—Herbert Kirkpatrick visited us at the time of the February reception at the Cottage. Mr. Kirkpatrick, who enlisted in the Third Regiment, Conn. Infantry, was honorably discharged from the service last month on account of a disability brought on by an attack of typhoid fever at Camp Mead. He is now caring for the interests of the poultry department of the College in the absence of a permanent

instructor in that branch of scientific agriculture.

'98—E. S. Mansfield of North Haven has gone to Lansing, Mich., to accept a position in a nursery.

Ex-'98—Mr. Bidwell, who left college at the close of his Junior year, recently spent Sunday with us.

The editor wishes to notify the Alumni that, if at any time they have news which would be of interest to other members of the association, such news would be gladly accepted; and it would oblige the editors if such were communicated to this department of the LOOKOUT.

## A MOONLIGHT REVERIE.

### I.

It was midnight on the Campus,  
And the moon shone clear and bright,  
As she kept her lonely vigil  
Through the watches of the night.

### II.

But her sharp eye quickly catches  
On the brightness of a wall  
A shadow of a figure  
Long and lank and lean and tall.

### III.

Then to her surprise another  
And another comes in sight,  
Till a band of awkward shadows  
Rends the calmness of the night.

### IV.

Then suddenly, with howls and shouting,  
They come forward with a rush,  
Fetching in their midst a barrel full of straw  
And under-brush.

### V.

Down they throw it near the flagstaff;  
And the moon with wondering thrill  
Notes how quietly and swiftly  
Soph by Soph flies up the hill.

### VI.

Then with deafening shouts and shrieking,  
And with drums brought into play,  
They awaken each fair sleeper,  
In the Cottage by the way.

### VII.

And, as if by some strange magic,  
There bursts forth a blinding flame,  
While the moon looks on in wonder  
At her own light put to shame.

### VIII.

But the Queen of Night still gazes,  
Till, recoiling with a shiver,  
She sees a phantom equine,  
The remains of "Charlie Sliver,"

### IX.

Then beholding not far from her  
A filmly cloud of lace,  
She draws it closer to her  
And hides her blushing face.

### X.

She dares not look beneath it,  
For fear some dreadful sight  
Will meet her wonder-stricken eyes  
That woful, awful night.

### XI.

But finally, as o'er the skies  
The light of Dawn did creep,  
She raised the veil and falteringly  
She took a farewell peep.

### XII.

But the Campus was all quiet,  
As the bivouac of the dead,—  
Every gay young Soph and Senior  
Slept in peace within his bed.

HAZEL KIRKE.



## ATHLETICS.

A great effort will be made this season to have a strong baseball team. The faculty and students will unite in their efforts to put baseball on a sound basis. The faculty are deeply interested in baseball and wish the College to have a successful team.

At a recent meeting of the Athletic Association a committee from the faculty, consisting of Professors Wheeler, Stimson and Ballou, met the students and presented some resolutions, which the faculty had adopted.

The faculty proposed that we have a system of season tickets, from the fact that there has always been difficulty in collecting money pledged during past years, and the season ticket system will do away with this.

Every person subscribing seventy five cents or more will be presented with a season ticket, which will entitle him to admission to all the games.

The association also voted to have a member of the faculty act as treasurer of the Athletic team when money is subscribed by the faculty.

The team needs baseball suits. In former years we have used football suits, but these are too heavy and do not present a neat appearance.

To procure money for the purchase of suits an entertainment will be given the first of next term. The Alumni will be called upon to contribute funds to purchase suits. All members of the Alumni or Alumnæ desiring to give money for this purpose can do so by sending it to Prof. H. A. Ballou, Storrs, Conn. It is hoped that

many of the Alumni will respond to this appeal, as the team is greatly in need of athletic uniforms.

In order to have a good team a majority of the students should try for positions so as to have brisk competition.

The students should feel it their duty to help the team in any way possible, either by practicing or subscriptions.

Nothing advertises a college so much as a good athletic team. The management is arranging games with the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Rhode Island Agricultural College, Norwich Free Academy, Pomfret School, Morse's Business College, and others. A complete list of games with dates will appear in the April issue of the LOOKOUT.

At the present time there is no suitable field in which to play baseball. Last year the Trustees agreed to give \$200 for fixing an old barn for a cage. If this money is still available, it will be expended for draining a field so that it can be used for baseball. Unless this is done the team will have to play on wet ground, which is not advisable.

In addition to this the faculty have agreed to raise seventy dollars if the students will contribute forty; and fifty dollars is expected from other sources. Part of this will be used to secure the services of a good coach, and the rest for general expenses.

*H. D. Emmons, Manager.*

In the February issue, J. H. Blakeslee was given as captain of the Polo team instead of J. B. Lyman.

## EXCHANGES.

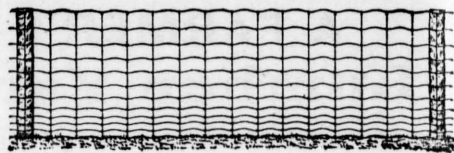
We are pleased to acknowledge the following exchanges. Lack of space compels us to forego criticism, and content ourselves to publish a list only, at least once a year:

Egis, Bloomington, Ill.  
 Shady Side Academy News, Pittsburg, Pa.  
 Argyle News, 22 E. 46th street, New York.  
 Skirmisher, Malta, Cal.  
 Epsilon, Box 36, Bridgeport, Conn.  
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 H. S. Reporter, Eureka, Cal.  
 Tabula, Torrington, Conn.  
 H. S. Bulletin, Affingham, Kan.  
 Lake Breeze, Sheboygan, Mich.  
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