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WITH this issue of the LOOKOUT a new Board of Editors take up their pens and assume responsibilities. The new Board hope to do three things:—improve the paper, publish it *on time*, and establish a literary department. To carry out these plans we must have the co-operation of the faculty, alumni, and students, financially and otherwise.

WE have often been criticised for not having a literary department; but it has been impossible to have such a department on account of the non-assistance of the students. Several appeals have been made to the students by former boards, to contribute stories and other articles, but their appeals were in vain. We again

urge the students to assist us in this way. It is the duty of the students to do all they can to make the paper better. The benefits that may be obtained by writing are many. Writing improves the English and also trains the mental capacities. Prof. Palmer, in his essay, "Self Cultivation in English," says, "Welcome every opportunity for writing," and we hope that the students will bear this in mind.

AS the base ball season advances the students, more and more, realize the need of a gymnasium and drill hall. College teams from colleges of our own size, that we meet on the base ball field, are generally far superior to us, because they have had the advantage of a gymnasium and

have been able to keep in good condition through the Winter. They also have some chance for base ball practice in the gymnasium cage. Here the only exercise we get is obtained by the setting up exercises we have in military drill and then under conditions not always favorable for the best development of the body. On account of not having a cage we are unable to begin practice until the middle of April, and this is a great drawback. We hope the State Legislature will consider these things when the matter of an appropriation for the Connecticut Agricultural College is brought to their notice.

**B**EFORE the Legislature adjourns it will elect a successor to Dr. Hyde, one of the college trustees. Dr. Hyde is an alumnus of the College and it is the opinion of the students that he should be re-elected. We understand that there is considerable opposition to his re-election, especially among members of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Hyde has always worked for the interests of the College and is a friend of the students and we do not think that anyone could be found who would do more. If Dr. Hyde is not re-elected, some alumnus of the College should be chosen to take his place. The College ought to be represented on the Board by an alumnus, and we hope whoever he may be that he will be an able representative.

**T**HE Junior class are taking Mechanical Drawing this term under rather queer conditions. Drawing has no scheduled hour; but when there is no work, we draw; and when there is work, we work. There is no reason why there should not be a regular hour for drawing. The students think that Mechanical Drawing ranks above our so-called "in-

structive" labor. The Legislature of 1893 evidently thought so also, because when the college was instituted the following resolution was adopted: "The Storrs Agricultural College is hereby established, and shall remain an institution for the education of youth whose parents are citizens of the state; and the *leading objects* of said college shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as relate to Agriculture and the *Mechanical Arts*. We fail to see whereby the Mechanical Arts are made a leading object of instruction. The catalogue says, "Students shall be required to work three hours a day for the purpose of *instruction*. We cannot see as this is carried out. Perhaps picking stones is instructive labor, but when a person has picked stones for three years, we think something else should be taught him. Many persons graduate without ever having a chance to learn how to plow, and this would seem to be an important part of farm labor. Perhaps the incorporator intended that farm labor should be considered as a mechanical art. We hope that the authorities of the college will see fit in the near future to put the Mechanical Arts on a firmer basis than heretofore.

**B**Y observing the cover page you will see that this paper is no longer the S. A. C. LOOKOUT but the C. A. C. LOOKOUT. The reason for the change is that the State Legislature has changed the name of the college to the Connecticut Agricultural College. With this change we feel that a new epoch in the college's history history will begin, and we hope that also a new one will begin with this paper. We wish the college all success, and we feel that it will be successful, notwithstanding that our appropriations are reduced and we are sadly handicapped on account of room.





## JOSH'S ADVENTURE WITH A GHOST.

The country village of N——, situated in eastern Connecticut, is the scene of this story. It is at the foot of a high hill, and like a good many other country towns, it was the scene of great activity when the old stage route between Providence and Hartford was in operation. Like many other old villages and hamlets it has its local traditions and stories of odd characters who once lived in the place.

The story that I am about to relate may or may not be true, but I shall attempt to tell it as I heard it told several years ago.

There lived near the village an odd character by the name of Josh Gadpole. He was a typical Yankee with a peculiar drawl in his voice. He was long and lank, standing six feet four in his stockings. He farmed it for a living and teamed it for his neighbors, drawing wood to W——. On his trips with wood he frequently passed over the road that runs east from the village.

It was his boast that he was not afraid of ghosts. Nothing in the form of spirits could scare him.

Two boys who had heard him boast of his courage determined to put it to the test and forthwith laid their plans.

On the road about a mile east of the village is an old cemetery bordering the road. It was at this place that Josh's adventure occurred. Josh seldom passed it on his homeward journey until late in the evening. Knowing this fact it was easy for the two

boys to arrange their plans for frightening him.

One fine evening in September Josh's wagon could be heard creaking up the road toward the cemetery. Every now and then his sonorous voice could be heard urging his team onward. Coming within sight of the cemetery he beheld a fearful sight. On the wall next to the road there was a ghostly figure, ten feet tall, slowly advancing toward him. For an instant he stood and gazed, then seizing his heavy whip, he strode forward exclaiming, "By Gosh! I'll teach you better manners than frightening honest people." The ghost began to waver and seemed to be trying to run away. Whirling his whip around his head, he dealt the ghost fearful blows upon its body that fairly cut into its garments. The ghost stood an instant and then with an unearthly yell, it suddenly parted in the middle and the parts disappeared in opposite directions. Josh turned away chuckling and resumed his peaceful homeward journey.

After some investigations it was shown that the ghost consisted of two evil spirits, one standing on the shoulder of the other, and steadying itself by means of two poles. It soon leaked out that two village lads were acquainted with the spirits, and they became the butt for many a joke. After this adventure Josh's courage was never again doubted.

H. D. EDMOND, '00.

## COLLEGE NOTES.

The plan of having chapel service at 7:45 A. M. seems to meet with general approval.

The mild Spring weather is making itself felt by the vegetation of this locality and botany enthusiasts may be seen scouring the country early and late.

April 27 B. A. Galpin, '01, and E. P. Brown, '01, took a seventy-five mile bike

ride across the state to the home of Mrs. Galpin in Woodbury. They returned May 1.

A. W. Pettee, '00, has left College on account of ill health. He expects the ing air of his farther's farm in Lakeville will aid him to recuperate sufficiently to return for the Summer term.

H. L. Bushnell, '02, who was detained

at home after the vacation by the illness of his father, has resumed his college duties.

Mr. Dallas, the new poultryman, has put his department into very presentable condition.

The members of the base ball team fit their new uniforms very well. We are not sure, however, that such short sleeves will suit certain of the faculty.

The members of the Senior class are rejoicing over the fact that they can take their ease, during work hour, after the 5th of May. No doubt those who have charge of the work departments will miss their services.

Kirkpatrick has taken up the bicycle repairing business along with his other duties. Repairing done or supplies furnished at No. 9, Old Dorm.

The students who wheeled to Pomfret to see the base ball game between Pomfret School and Storrs, report very poor roads; but they think that the game amply repaid them for their trouble.

The drinking fountain at the tower has been opened for the season; but as yet nothing has been provided to drink out of. It is very unpleasant to twist one's neck out of shape, in order to get his face under the faucet, where some drops of water may find their way into his mouth.

W——, '96, inquires if Rev. Mr. Davies is the author of the well known poem which says, "For men may come and men may go, But I go on forever."

The student body is practicing a new yell for the base ball season. Messrs. C. D. Smith, '99 and H. G. Williams, '00, have been appointed cheer leaders.

The question of the hour: "Was that ice cream stolen, borrowed, or simply mislaid?"

A grand Base Ball Association benefit was held in the chapel April 12. Although the participants were all home talent, and new at the business, the program, which consisted of music, recitations, and a farce, was very smoothly and pleasingly rendered.

The College Glee Club has decided to dispense with the services of Mr. Smith and has secured Professor Peebles, who has consented to direct the club in the preparation of music for Commencement.

The Senior class took a "day off" April 27 and had the class picture taken in Willimantic. The retiring Board of Editors also posed for their pictures on the same date. '99 class pictures should be ordered of I. E. Gilbert and editors' pictures of E. F. Manchester.

On April 26 the college was visited by a party of state legislators who spent the day inspecting the various departments of the college.

The Freshmen B. rhetoricals were held in the chapel on the evening of May 5.

The regular monthly reception and dance was held in the chapel on Friday evening, April 21. The presence of several members of the Alumni added largely to the success of the evening and to the happiness of certain inmates of the cottage.

Mr. Smith, of Cardenas, Cuba, has entered college.

F. W. Pratt, who has been quite ill, has recovered.

W. A. Southwick, ex-'or, is working for the mechanical department.

A road is to be constructed this Summer connecting the new cottages with the new road back of the main building. Room will be left between these roads for the erection of a library building and another cottage.





## GROVE COTTAGE NOTES.

Miss Lincoln, Miss Bowen and nine of the young ladies went to Pomfret Saturday, April 29, to attend the base ball game between Storrs and Pomfret School. They went to Putnam and there hired teams to take them to the Wolf den. Here they spent some time among the rocks. After eating lunch they drove to Pomfret Street, where the game was played. They enjoyed the game very much, perhaps more than they otherwise would if the Storrs team had not beaten. As it was they returned home pleased with the success of the day.

Mrs. Stanley Potter has been spending a few weeks with Prof. and Mrs. Ballou.

The April reception was held in the Chapel as the Cottage dining room was not

large enough for so many to dance in.

One evening four of the young ladies went out for a walk through the woods and consequently did not get back until about about 8 o'clock. Hereafter the girls will not leave the college grounds after six o'clock.

A Christian Endeavor social was held at the Cottage April 26. One freezer of ice cream mysteriously moved away, yet for all that everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Miss Lincoln is expecting to attend the Music Teachers' Convention to be held at New Haven May 15.

Miss Mary Merrow of Hartford, recently made Miss Barber a short visit.

## ALUMNI NOTES.

F. N. Buell, '97, and N. J. Webb, '98, recently made us a short visit, arriving at the College April 21st. They attended the monthly reception, which was held that evening in the Chapel, and staid over Sunday.

'97—J. N. Fitts has left the employ of the College and is now taking charge of the work on his father's farm on East Windsor Hill.

'97—A. C. Gilbert, who has been working at the Experiment Station during the Winter, has also returned home.

'98—H. L. Garrigus has taken a position on a farm in Tarrytown, N. Y., where he has charge of a dairy herd.

'98—H. Kirkpatrick has taken Mr. Garrigus' place at the horse barn.

'98—Joseph W. Pincus has been elected secretary of the Cape May County Board of Agriculture of New Jersey.

'98—C. S. Chapman and C. S. Francis are employed by the Extension Department lecturing in the district schools of the state on subjects pertaining to nature.

## ATHLETICS.

At this season of the year there is apt to be a tendency for the students to neglect their studies for base ball and other athletic sports. Athletics are good in a proper measure, but the students should remember that, however important base ball may be, they are not here for that purpose alone.

This year the greatest athletic interest is centered in base ball. It is the endeavor of all interested to make this season's base ball record higher than has ever been attained before by any Storrs base ball team.

We are sorry to say that the game

that the game arranged with M. A. C. has been canceled by them. Storrs was looking forward to this game with much interest.

The team has been successful thus far this season.

Considerable interest has been shown in the Faculty games with the regular team. The Faculty were able to make up a team from their number with the aid of the students. In one of the practice games they hired a pitcher and catcher from Willimantic. In this and other ways the base ball team has received valuable aid in their practice.

The attendance at the games has been good, nearly everyone in attendance wearing the blue ribbon season ticket. By means of these tickets, quite a large sum of money has been collected from the students with very little trouble.

The only trouble with the audience at the games is that they do not cheer enough. Most people are afraid to show their appreciation of the game by cheering. We have cheer leaders appointed now, and it is hoped everyone will take part in the cheering in the future.

The team now rejoices in the possession of new suits. The suits are grey in color and the boys now present a fine appearance on the field.

At this point it may be proper to speak of the individual players.

McLean, pitcher, does fine work. He thoroughly understands the game and the team is fortunate in having so good a player in the box.

Lyman, as usual, plays a good game. He is catcher and fills that position very creditably.

Karr plays on 1st base and has developed into a good base ball player except at the bat.

Nettleton is captain and plays on 2d. Although there is much dissatisfaction with his playing he is gradually improving.

Blakeslee plays 3d and in case of emergency would probably pitch.

The fielders have not had very much chance, in any game yet, to show their skill, although in practice games they do very good work.

Downing plays short; in this position and on third he puts up a good game.

The players on the average are not very proficient in the use of the bat, and in sliding bases. In this matter there is room for improvement.

The first base ball game of the season was played on the home field, April 15, with the Rockville High School.

The game was called at 3:30 P. M. with Storrs in the field.

In the first inning Rockville did not succeed in scoring, but Storrs made 21 runs, which gave them such an advantage that for the remainder of the game they played rather carelessly. This score for the first inning was due to the poor battery of the Rockville team. In the second inning they put in another battery and for the remainder of the game they made more runs than Storrs. It would doubtless have been a close game if Rockville had put in their best battery at the start. The game was finished at 6:15. Score—Storrs, 31; R. H. S., 12.

Score by innings:

STORRS—	21	2	2	0	1	1	3	*—	31
R.H.S.—	0	3	2	0	1	3	1	2—	12

Three base hit, Lyman; two base hits, Lyman, Blakeslee, Miner, Clark. Base on balls, by McLean 7. Profe 6, Jerolds. Struck out, by McLean 11, Jerolds 7. Left on bases, Storrs 5, Rockville 3. Umpire, O'Rourke. Time, 2:30.

The batting order was as follows:

S. A. C.—McLean, p; Lyman, c; Nettleton 2b; Blakeslee, ss; Miner, 1f; Clark, rf; Pratt 1b; Downing, 3b; Karr, Harvey, cf.

R. H. S.—Profe, 3b; Bissell, 1b; Jerolds, p; Chamberlain, 2b; Ward, cf; A. Rheel, 1f; McPherson, 3b; Kuhnly, ss; H. Rheel, rf.

#### S. A. C. vs. WILLIMANTIC.

The second game of the season was played on Saturday, April 22, on the home field, with the Willimantic Sodom Stars.

In practice the Stars did fine work. The

game was called with Storrs in the field. In the first inning Willimantic made one run; for the next four innings they were not able to score. At the end of five innings the score stood 4 to 1 in favor of Storrs. In the first half of the ninth inning Willimantic was one run ahead of Storrs. At this point in the game it appeared doubtful whether Storrs would be able to more than tie the score or not. When Storrs came to the bat Blakeslee succeeded in tying the score, and then Miner made another run which made the score 9 to 8 in favor of Storrs with only one out. The game was stopped at this point without finishing the inning.

## Summary :

S. A. C.	A.B.	R.	1st B.	P.O.	E.
McLean, p. . . . .	4	2	1	10	1
Lyman, c. . . . .	4	2	0	2	0
Nettleton, 2b. . . . .	5	1	2	2	0
Blakeslee, s.s., . . . . .	5	1	3	0	2
Karr, . . . . .	5	0	0	9	0
Miner, l.f., . . . . .	4	2	2	0	0
Clark, r.f., . . . . .	5	0	1	2	0
Downing, 3b. . . . .	4	0	0	2	0
Bishop, c.f., . . . . .	3	1	0	0	1
	39	9	9	27	4

WILLIMANTIC.	A.B.	R.	1st B.	P.O.	E.
Mellody, . . . . .	4	1	1	0	2
Hyde, . . . . .	3	0	1	0	3
J. Nichols, . . . . .	4	1	1	0	3
Shea, . . . . .	3	1	0	0	0
A. Nichols, . . . . .	3	1	0	7	1
Sullivan, . . . . .	4	1	0	0	0
Bruso, . . . . .	5	2	0	0	1
Ashton, . . . . .	4	1	1	0	1
Goodell, . . . . .	5	0	0	0	0
	35	8	4	7	10

## SCORE BY INNINGS.

Storrs, . . . . .	1	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	2—9
Willimantic, . . . . .	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	4—9

## S. A. C. vs. POMFRET SCHOOL.

The game was played on the athletic field of the Pomfret School.

The game was called at 3:30 P. M. with Storrs in the field. Nine innings were played and the score was 10 to 6 in favor of Storrs at the end of the game.

In the first inning Pomfret made three

runs and Storrs made none. Pomfret did not score again until the fifth inning. Pomfret shut Storrs out in the first two innings, and considering the score made by them in the first inning, things looked rather discouraging for Storrs. Storrs then settled down to work and gradually reduced the difference between the scores, so that at the end of the eighth inning the score was a tie, each side having made six runs. Then Pomfret came to the bat. McLean pitched only five balls. The first two were foul flies which were easily caught by Lyman. The third man was struck out on three balls. In this inning Storrs succeeded in making four runs.

The Pomfrets played a good fast game, but were not able to score in only three innings, while Storrs scored in six innings.

The game was finished at 5 o'clock.

## Summary :

S. A. C.	A.B.	R.	1st B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Nettleton, 2b. . . . .	6	0	1	9	5	0
Blakeslee, 3b. . . . .	5	1	1	1	1	1
Karr, 1b. . . . .	4	1	0	8	0	1
Miner, l.f. . . . .	5	1	2	0	0	0
Clark, r.f. . . . .	5	1	0	0	0	0
Downing, s.s. . . . .	4	1	0	0	0	1
Pratt, c.f. . . . .	4	1	1	0	0	0
Lyman, c. . . . .	5	3	1	4	0	0
McLean, p. . . . .	3	1	0	13	0	0
	14	10	6	27		4

POMFRET.	A.B.	R.	1st B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Hitchcock, l.f. . . . .	5	2	1	1		0
Merrell, s.s. . . . .	3	0	1	2		2
Fuller, p. and c. . . . .	4	1	1	0		3
Sturgis, p. and 1b. . . . .	4	2	2	12		1
Cruger, 2b. . . . .	4	0	0	2		3
Brown, c.f. . . . .	4	1	1	0		1
Randolph, c. & 1b. . . . .	4	0	0	8		1
Wood, 3b. . . . .	5	0	1	0		1
Wagstoff, r.f. . . . .	4	0	0	0		1
	36	6	7	27		13

## SCORE BY INNINGS.

S. A. C. . . . .	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	4—10
POMFRET . . . . .	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0—6

Three base hit, Lyman. Base on balls, by McLean 0, Sturgis, 5. Struck out, by McLean 9, Sturgis 5. Left on base, Storrs 8, Pomfret 3. Umpire, Prof. Palmer. Time, 1:30.





## EXCHANGES.

The *High School Herald* of Westfield, Mass., contains an interesting article on the "Need of Gymnastics for the Public School."

The April edition of this paper lacks an exchange column.

The *Vermont Academy Life*, Saxton's River Vt. contains good local and exchange departments.

The *Argyle News*, 215 West 51st St., New York City, contains a good story the title of which is "The Terrible Experience of a Telegraph Operator" The April number of this paper contains a good Athletic department.

The "*Windmill*," Manlius N.Y., contains one of the best exchange columns that it is our pleasure to see.

Why does the *Hermonite* go without an exchange column when the other departments are excellent and that is the one thing lacking.

The "*Premier*," Fall River Mass. is up to its usual standard but where is the exchange department in the April number.

The "*High School Journal*," of Wilbraham Penn. is a very attractive paper and contains several short articles well worth reading.

Why does such a progressive paper as the "*Aggie Life*," of Mass. go without an exchange department?

The *Tabula*, Torrington, Conn., has an entirely different make-up from any other exchange that we receive but consists of many well developed departments.

The girl's number of the *High School Aegis*, Bloomington, Ill., is an excellent paper and throws credit on the young ladies of that institution.

It is pleasing to see that so many of our exchanges are taking up the excellent idea of placing cuts and photographs in their papers.

## C. A. C. IN THE FUTURE.

It is gratifying to the students of the college to learn that the General Assembly has passed the resolution changing the name of the college to Connecticut Agricultural College.

A beneficial service has been rendered to the college, because we believe that the name of Storrs Agricultural College had a tendency to convey the impression that the college was a private institution supported by sectional patronage and that it was not a state institution.

In the not remote past the financial interests of the college have been cared for by the state, but we now fear these interests are either being neglected or ignored.

We think it strange that the legislature should deem it judicial and just, to all parties concerned, to exchange an honored name for one which should give the college more influence and not deem it necessary

to provide sustenance for its growth.

Does the legislature think that the name, alone, will sustain itself?

In order that the college may grow it must have sufficient appropriations granted that the most progress possible may be made.

If the committee feel that some day their action of changing the name of the college will be or need to be, justified, by building a library and calling it "Storrs Library," why could they not justify themselves, now, by pushing an appropriation through the "house" for this purpose.

No college, whatever its name, can succeed without sufficient financial support from its patrons.

We sincerely hope that before another issue of the LOOKOUT something may be done by the Legislature to justify itself.

'99 C.

## SCIENCE NOTES.

**SIRIUS PHOTOGRAPHED AT MIDDAY.**—The fact that bright stars can be seen with a telescope at high noon sometimes astonishes curious visitors to an observatory. Even more surprising is the fact that stars can be photographed in broad day. The Draper photographing telescope, belonging to the Harvard Observatory, has pictured the dog star, Sirius, at midday, and it has been suggested that the photographing of bright stars crossing the meridian in daylight may prove to be a source of increased knowledge for astronomers.—*Youth's Companion*.

Communication between England and the Continent was obtained on March 27th by the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy. The stations were at South Foreland and Winreax, thirty-two miles apart. The Morse code was used and the messages were read as distinctly as though the termini had been connected with wires.—*Science*.

**SWIFT CLOUDS PRECEDE COLD WAVES.**—Observations at the Blue Hill Observatory showed that for several days before the great cold wave of February last, the high curious clouds, which attain an elevation of about nine miles, moved with unusual velocity. On one day these clouds were flying at the rate of 166 miles per hour. It is thought that measures of cloud motion will play an important part in weather predictions hereafter.—*Youth's Companion*.

**AN INTERESTING NEW PLANT.**—At a recent meeting of the Linnean Society in London specimens of a new oil producing plant from Venezuela were exhibited. The oil resembles that of sandalwood, and is already known in commerce, but the plant has hitherto remained undescribed. It proves to be a new genus of the rue family, to which the common prickly ash belongs, and it has been named *Schimmelia* after a German botanist who first distilled the aromatic oil from its wood.—*Youth's Companion*.

## THE MOST POPULAR SONG OF THE DAY.

A freshman once did come to Storrs  
As green as green could be  
He went to walk in a nice white shirt  
To see what he could see,  
But when he saw the rocks that lay  
Scattered all over he swore  
As a freshman sometimes will and said,  
I won't pick rocks any more

## CHORUS

I won't pick rocks any more,  
I have picked for years  
On my father's farm and  
I won't pick rocks any more.

A sophomore then did come this way  
And saw where he did toil,  
A picking rocks for one long year  
On this old stony soil,  
And then he spoke as many will and,  
As many have done before,  
I will either grade or plant, said he;  
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Who has been two years at work  
But when the gang is picking rocks  
He is always sure to shirk.  
If at any time he gets a chance  
To rest his back so sore  
He will lie down sing this song,  
I won't pick rocks anymore.

I won't pick, etc.

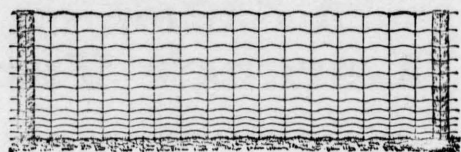
A senior now we will surely meet  
Who looking over his course  
Thinks of the time spent picking rocks  
As either wasted or lost.  
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He sees more rocks than before  
But he simply says, I am going to leave,  
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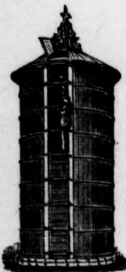
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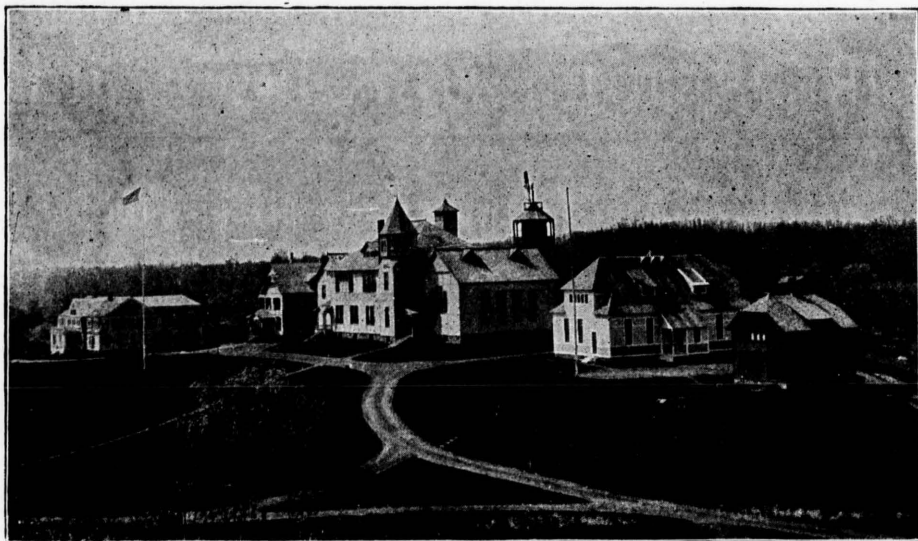
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