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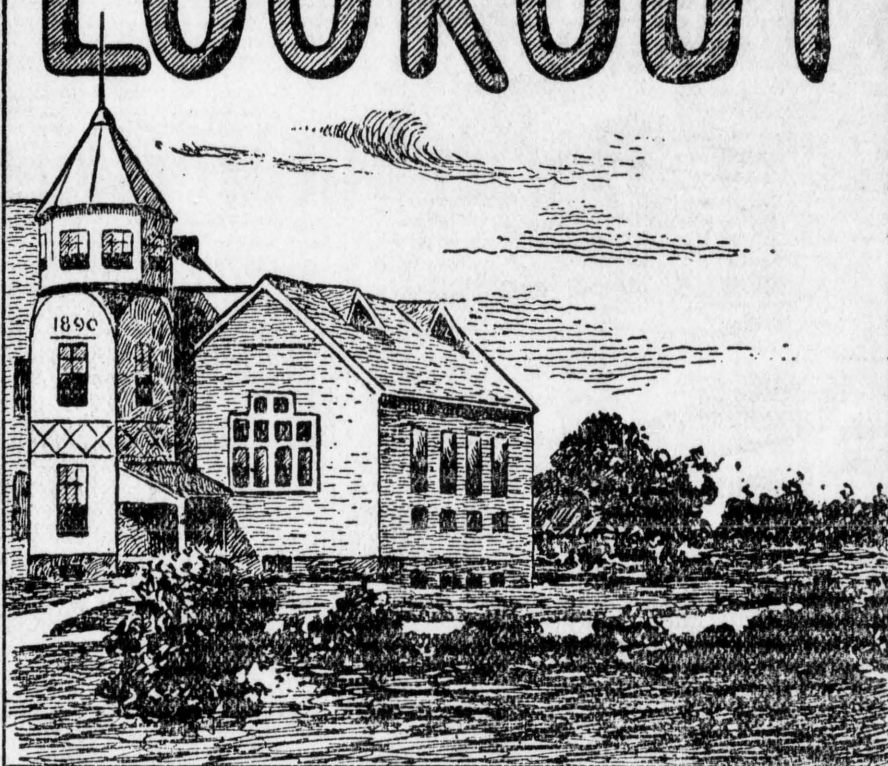
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College opened its doors this year to a large number of new students. The present favorable conditions point to as successful a year as has ever been recorded. It is encouraging once more to see every room occupied by the students. It is an indication of better times for everybody. More interest will be shown on the athletic field, and where there is a keener competition a higher standard is reached. More interest will be shown in the various meetings and clubs that are an essential part of our course at college. "There is strength in members," so why should we not feel confident of a bright future.

We are pleased to note the reinforcement of our faculty this fall, the addition being Miss Brown as instructor in elocution. The lack of a regular instructor fitted for the teaching of elocution has been a very manifest source of regret, not only to the student, but to all interested in the welfare of the college. Now that we have such an opportunity to at least learn to speak well,

let us show our appreciation by taking advantage of what is put before us.

There has been several other changes in the faculty board this year, among them being a new instructor in chemistry. Dr. Turner fills this position as successor to Dr. Meserve.

The young man just entering college finds himself amongst strange surroundings, unfamiliar faces and in an entirely new environment. He is, figuratively speaking, in a new world. Old friends are put aside for the time being, and new acquaintances formed. He proceeds to adapt himself to his surroundings, and takes up the duties of his new life with alacrity.

If, as is often the case, the youth is fresh from the farm, he finds many habits and customs that are strange and unfamiliar. There are many things to be learned, but, if, as we are oft reminded, "all things come to him who waits," then he will succeed who works and waits.

The first week at college is apt to be trying and irksome to the new student. His experiences begin just as soon as he alights from the overland 'bus that conveys him to this seat of learning. Having made arrangements to spend the night he is shown to the room which he is to occupy. At last he is alone and only too well does he realize it. The bare walls and general emptiness of the room present a forlorn and uninviting appearance. There are many ways in which the new comer might become homesick, but he hardly has an opportunity to think over his misfortunes. Having taken a hasty inventory of his possessions he proceeds to arrange them about the room according to his conception of order.

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### At an Agricultural Fair.

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The greatest event of the year, to date, in Eastern Connecticut, was the second annual fair of the Willimantic Agricultural Association, the leading features of which were the automobile race and the fakirs.

Judging from the relative density of the crowds the midway carried the day; the fakirs, whose license fees netted the association nearly \$800, were favored with large attentive audiences from which they made numerous converts. One fakir shouted, "Farmers, come forward and see my bread winner; show the people what a Yankee is made of—make three balls out of five stay in the tub and you have got me, but you can't do it, you can't beat me if you try a week—that tub is more profitable to me than a gold mine," etc. Generous men patronized his "bread winner" as flies do the tangle-foot.

The exhibits of the exhibition hall, the cattle and the poultry shows were remarkable. The prominence of the Connecticut Agricultural College is noteworthy. The

faculty furnished three judges, Professor Beach, of dairy cattle, Hollister, of vegetables, and Benson, of the poultry and pet stock show. C. A. C. boys superintended the three leading departments: Downing, '01, the exhibition hall; Twing, '02, the cattle, and Shurtleff, '04, the poultry and pet stock exhibit. Lamson, '02, was engaged in the spacious office of Supt. Twing. Farm superintendent Garrigus received many compliments on his fine collection of steers; and the college show of cows, bulls, fruit and vegetables, also attracted attention. Graduates of the college were important prize winners, Messrs. Pomeroy and Parker particularly. The prominence of the college was due largely to two boys engaged in business in Willimantic, whose manly accomplishments well-nigh approach abnormalities; not only did they superintend important departments at the fair, but they have been chosen to fill such positions in the city as policeman, reporter, editor and tax collector.

My better-half and I were visiting in a tent near the poultry show when we heard a sudden rustling of the trees. We stepped outside and with the crowd, scrambled for a place aloft, for it was on everyone's tongue that there was to be a race of automobiles. It was a very singular contest of its kind; they raced one at a time; no one was killed, and only two machines out of the four were disabled, and these not seriously. One leaked in the tire and the other had to stop on the way round for repairs. However, the race received the approval of all, save one person in the lower branches of our tree, a superannuated maiden lady, who loudly protested against the appearance of the machine propelled by an alcoholic motor. She declared that "they have no more right to let a machine go round in public under the influence of alcohol than a man."

A. B. C., '02.



### An English Lesson.

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When the writing of fifty subjects, suitable for theme titles, was given as a lesson in English, to prepare for the next day, each student thought "How Easy." He was comparing the prospect of writing such a list with the amount of labor required to write his first theme in class.

This English lesson might be compared to a fake-mining speculation—the prospects were all right. What lay back of these prospects I suspect only the teacher knew.

The student delayed his work till the last moment. Then he sat down, pen in hand, and remained thus for some time, as if in deep thought. The qualifications did not seem so easy now—fifty subjects about which you know something and which you can write upon. Then, too, since there was the possibility that he might be called upon to write on any subject in his list, he must have them all easy. This idea was all right in theory, but it took more labor to find fifty easy subjects than it would to have taken any fifty and write one or two hard compositions.

Lucky was he if he had one or more large topics capable of many variations. If he had not it was simply a matter of imagination to write his list, for he could center his mind on nothing in particular; only let it wander here and there seeking to find in some corner of his brain, something, anything about which he could write, now and then bringing forth stray lists of knowledge, long forgotten and rusty from disuse.

After working hard and accomplishing little for half an hour, he then went visiting, and returned with a stock of ideas, not his own it is true, but ideas which filled the conditions. And so after an hour or more of mental acrobatics his list was completed, and he went visiting once more to tell his less fortunate neighbor how easy the lesson

was and to offer other similar consolation to his still suffering classmate.

"PROCYON LOTOR," '05.

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### The Berlin Fair.

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In connection with the annual Berlin fair, the State Pomological Society held its annual fruit show in a large tent by its self. The tent had tables arranged around the sides and in the middle. There were on exhibition twelve hundred plates of fruit. Among the many exhibits, the college had one hundred and sixty plates, of which some were specimens of new and rare varieties. The rarest fruit in the show was a plate of Paw Paws from Wallingford. This plate caused no little curiosity, for although this fruit is native in the west it is very rarely seen in the east.

In a number of exhibits strawberries were shown; and being so far out of season they attracted a great deal of attention. Such a general growth of this fruit in the fall has probably not occurred in the state before.

In the Berlin fair its self, besides the usual farm products of which there was a good display, there was a collection of antique articles exhibited by the people of Berlin. Some of the ancient articles dated back to the landing of the Pilgrims. The different firearms from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century were also shown. This collection was very interesting, judging by the crowd of visitors that filled the hall.

Nearly all of the fairs of the state have a great deal of horse racing, but at Berlin hardly any of this is seen.

This fair, though small, may, in time, grow and become equal in interest to any of the other fairs of the state.

R. C. G., '05.



### In the Library.

A lesson which it is well to learn early in life, is, that in spite of our primal curse, nearly every one likes to be thought busy. We are all inclined to resent it, if some one says of us that we have an easy time, although we all pretend to desire one. "What can you have to do?" says the mother of a family to the hen with one chicken. "Plenty," promptly replies the insulted one. "My Tommy or Mary is very delicate and requires as much care as all ten of your children do together." "You teachers must have an easy time," this busy woman may continue in the same breath. "Nothing to do but sit with your feet under a desk five or six hours a day, and hear classes recite;" while the weary teacher with a pile of examination papers or note books, which she knows will keep her busy till ten o'clock, thinks her lot any thing but an easy one.

In the same way, there seems to be a widespread idea among those people who know it all, that the occupation of a librarian is a sinecure. "Oh Miss Whitney, I wish I could be a librarian," gushes the sweet Young Thing, in her first year. "I do so love to read." "Has any one applied to be your assistant next year?" asks the honest boy. "I have a good deal of studying to do and I want to earn some money and study at the same time." If these expressions were confined to those whom we of the profession call somewhat flippantly the G. P., or the General Public, we might smile in a superior fashion to ourselves and let it go. But beyond the fact, that we all like to be appreciated—who does not?—there lies the danger that many may try to climb into the sheepfold by some other way, without knowing either the necessary qualifications or duties of an even moderately successful librarian.

At least, say the uninitiated, it is easy

physically. Is it? Let us look at a few of the examination questions with which Miss Hewins of the Hartford Public Library greets her applicants.

Is your health good? Are your back and eyes strong?

How many days have you been kept in the house by illness during the past year?

Can you stand two hours without much fatigue?

Are you willing to work ten hours a day if necessary, give up most of your evenings to the library, and do your share of Sunday labor if the library is open on that day?

In this way, supplemented by a few questions on matters of general intelligence, Miss Hewins says that she succeeds generally in frightening away incapable applicants, such as girls who have dropped out of school early, and elderly women who are fond of reading and are looking for light congenial work, but are a little above going out cleaning for the day. Of course these are extreme requirements, but they show what may be asked of any librarian during the stress of a busy season. No weaklings of body then need apply.

Next as to mental qualifications. These are becoming greater every year, although the political pull is sometimes evident in libraries as well as in more important public offices. The day is passed when the librarian is graded in college catalogues with the janitor and the office boy; one whose chief duties are to keep both books and patrons in order, a cross between a policeman and a book-store clerk. All self-respecting libraries in these days, whether college or public, require of the person who is at their head a broad, general education—college preferred—supplemented by at least a year in a good training school. For the library of any pretensions at all must have its books classified and catalogued according to some one of the established systems. If to this be added—as Holmes

says—the easy feeling in the presence of books that a stable-boy has among horses, the applicant for a library position may consider herself ready to begin. Do you wonder that we shudder at the aforementioned girl, who considers Richard Carvel the greatest historical novel, never heard of Chaucer, and doesn't know whether Richard III or Elizabeth reigned first, and yet wants to be a librarian because she likes to read.

Besides these qualities there must be good business ability and power of adaptability, and in spite of our scoffing at the girl who likes to read, a genuine love of good books, and the art of reading quickly, discriminatingly and intelligently.

So much for some of the necessary qualifications of the applicant to the modern library. Now what are some of her duties after she actually becomes a librarian. The former are ideal, the latter real, and I must call more upon my own experience to answer them. The duties of the head of a large library are more or less like those of the head of any large institution; general oversight, planning and responsibility. The duties of the small librarian on the other hand are so many and various, that she (for it is always she in that case), often feels as one of that number is quoted as saying,

"Oh, I am a train and a station hand,  
And a flagman as tends a switch,  
And a ticket-seller and a handy feller,  
And I don't know mostly which."

Probably the quality which the ordinary librarian will find the most opportunity to exercise will be that of tact. Human nature is peculiar, and as David Harum says, most of us have a good deal of it. The girl who asks if we have a book named "Less Miserables," does not like to be reminded that her French is defective

unless it can be done in a very gentle and casual manner; and it sometimes takes quite a little skillful questioning to find out from the embarrassed seeker after old English that Chaucer's poems are what he really wants instead of some kind of a book by Chopper. Sometimes the librarian will give information to one who repays her with a stony stare and the explanation, "Of course I knew that," but she is generally met at least half way, and is courteously thanked quite as often by rough looking persons whom one would think incapable of gratitude, as by those who pretend to more culture and are provoked that they do not know everything themselves. The born librarian, however, soon learns to discriminate between the new student to whom the library is an object of awe and mystery, and who is hunting wildly for a piece for rhetorical trying to "tree it," as Mark Twain would say, among the books on religion, and the haughty professor who knows more of the books on his special subject than the best librarian can ever hope to; and assists the one, while she keeps out of the way of the other.

Secondly, to put my thoughts in logical order—for the librarian is nothing if not methodical—one must have persistence and a certain amount of self-confidence. It is surprising how much material there is on almost every subject, even in a small library. There are tricks even in the trade of a librarian, and a slight clue to what is wanted will often lead to the fuller information. Generally all that is needed is a little time. The librarian is not omniscient, though she would sometimes like to be so if she could. Occasionally she forgets whether the Taj Mahal is a mausoleum or a man, and it is hard to give all the facts as to the authenticity of William Tell, without first refreshing oneself a little behind the stacks. So do not be surprised if sometimes when she is asked by a breath-



less senior to tell her all about Daniel Webster, or by a sophomore, to assist him with his essay on the evils of excessive novel reading, she first requires a little preparation. For she does not become, at least not without some years of experience, as some one says, "A kind of animated encyclopaedia, who, if you tap her in any direction from A to Z, will straightway pour forth a flood of knowledge upon any subject in history, science or literature." So remember, please, as Dr. Jowett is once said to have remarked, "Not one of us is infallible, not even the youngest."

Most important of all, perhaps, the librarian must have patience. When a new invoice of books comes in and she has just settled down for a good hour's work at accessioning or cataloging, she must—if in a small library where the work is not specialized—expect to be called up about once in five minutes. Now it is a boy who must have a certain quotation and wants it so quickly that he does not even take the trouble to say please. Now it is to pick out a good story for some one whom you have never seen, but whom you must be sure to please with a book which is "interesting," and which the applicant has never read before. Or, perhaps, you are called upon to explain for the twentieth time that you do not sell postage stamps, and that it is not the mission of a small library to furnish half a dozen copies of the latest popular novel, or to explain to an irate patron that the daily paper which he must have immediately is not lost, but simply mislaid. You must learn to take it calmly when a favorite book which you have recommended comes back the next day with the explanation, "I could not seem to get interested in it," and when some one emphatically asserts that he has never even seen the book which is plainly set down against his name. You must be willing to spend an hour if necessary in looking up

some reference, which perhaps the learner will digest in five minutes, or will tell you he doesn't want after all, and you must be ready at all times to be all things to all men if by these means you may perchance help some.

Surrounding and permeating all the qualifications must be adaptability. In fact, so necessary is this that Miss Lord, the librarian of Bryn Mawr College, calls it the "gift extremely rare," and writes a whole article upon it in the Library Journal. As a text she gives the bright verses by Oliver Herford which he has written upon the Chameleon. In view of what has been said you will, I am sure, see their applicability to the life of a librarian, and will wish for her no more appropriate maxim.

"A useful lesson you may con  
My child from the Chameleon.  
He has the gift extremely rare  
In animals of *savoir faire*,  
And if the secret you would guess  
Of the Chameleon's success,  
Adapt yourself with greatest care  
To your surroundings everywhere.  
And then, unless your sex prevent,  
Some day you may be President."

### Athletic Notes.

The football season has opened with bright prospects.

The Athletic Association is in better financial condition than ever before. Not only has the faculty come heartily to the support of our athletics, but the alumni also have made liberal donations towards it. The attendance at the games is good, but could be increased. It is the duty of every student to attend these games. By doing this they show their loyalty to our college, and also help support the association.

In still another way can they do these things and that is by regularly attending practice. There is nothing that is of so

much benefit to the varsity eleven as a scrub team to play against.

Some of our students have not outgrown their childhood ways yet. The second team having become angry at some fancied wrong have refused to line up against the regulars. This is neither a manly way of doing nor is it showing the college spirit that our students in the past have been noted for.

Our manager deserves a word of praise for the time and effort that he has given to securing games for us. He has filled the schedule with games to be played with good reliable teams.

The coach and captain are doing their utmost to make our team a success, and if their efforts count for anything, our present eleven will go down in the history of the college as one of the best. We have made a good beginning, having won the first three games, and all we ask is the hearty support of every person on the hill.

C. A. C., 30. WILLIMANTIC, O.

On Saturday, September 26th, Connecticut met and defeated Willimantic in the first game of the season.

The game was a walkover for the college from start to finish. Willimantic was unable either to hold us for downs or to retain the ball when they had it.

Touch-downs by Patterson, Chapman, Laubscher, Crowell, and Comstock, 2.

#### CONNECTICUT.

Nash & Snow....l. e. ....Conley  
Shurtleff.....l. t. ....Mason  
Risley.....l. g. ....Miller  
Dewell.....c. ....Oathy  
Hollister.....r. g. ....Utley  
Patterson.....r. t. ....Edwards  
Watrous & Clark..r. e. ....Briley  
Welton.....q. b. ....Moore  
Comstock.....l. h. b. ....Martin  
Laubscher.....r. h. b. ....Vaness  
Crowell & Chapman..f. b. ....Winton

#### WILLIMANTIC.

C. A. C., 6. HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL, O.

Connecticut defeated the Hartford High School, Saturday, October 3d, on the college field.

Connecticut kicked off to Hartford and the Hartford man was downed with little gain. Hartford lost to Connecticut on downs, but Connecticut was unable to gain and Hartford regained the ball. They punted to Cornwall who gained about twenty-five yards.

Connecticut punted but the ball was fumbled by Hartford, and Snow fell on it. Connecticut by end runs and line plunges pushed the ball to Hartford's twenty-yard line where a drop-kick was tried, but failed. The ball rolled over the line and Hartford got a touchback.

In the second half Hartford kicked off to Connecticut who was penalized for the quarter back running with the ball inside the twenty-five yard line.

Connecticut punted but Hartford lost on downs and Connecticut pushed the ball steadily down the field and sent Cornwall over for a touchdown. Welton kicked the goal.

Connecticut kicked off to Hartford, but they failed to catch the ball and were downed on the five-yard line.

Hartford made a long gain on a fake punt. The half closed with the ball in Hartford's possession.

#### CONNECTICUT.

Snow.....l. e. ....Mason  
Shurtleff.....l. t. ....Knox  
Risley.....l. g. ....Boardman  
Dewell.....c. ....Butts  
Edmond.....r. g. ....Flagg  
Patterson.....r. t. ..Mix & Gildersee  
Comstock.....r. e. ....Schirm  
Welton.....q. b. ....Pond  
Chapman.....l. h. b. ....English  
Laubscher & Cornwall..r. h. b. ..Goodell  
Crowell.....f. b. ....Costello

#### H. P. H. S.

Umpire, Yarrow; Referee, Smith; Lines-



men, Bryant and Watts; Timers, Flagg and Morse; Halves, twenty and fifteen.

C. A. C., 6. POMFRET, 5.

Connecticut met the Pomfret Academy football team, Wednesday, October 14th, on their own grounds and defeated them six to five.

Connecticut completely outplayed their opponents and would have defeated them badly had it not been for the unexcusable fumbling of which we were guilty.

Connecticut made her gains chiefly by end runs and tackle plays, while Pomfret made hers by plunges just outside of tackle.

Pomfret undoubtedly plays the dirtiest game of any team that we have dealings with. They seem to think that slugging, jumping on an opponent when he's down and kicking are the principle features of a football game. Whether this is due to their coaching or to their lack of principle is not for us to say.

Cornwall made the touchdown for Connecticut and Welton kicked the goal. Crowell was pushed over the line, but lost the ball and Pomfret got a touchback.

### College Notes.

The department of college notes is intended to chronicle fully the doings of the student body; now it is possible for one person to see and hear a great many things, but it is impossible for him to see and hear all, consequently for this department to fulfill its purpose it is necessary that each and everyone constitute himself a committee of one to hand in all notes of general interest. You may assure yourselves that these notes will be gladly received. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and so do we.

Again we take up our college duties from where we stopped last June, but we are not alone for the campus and the college building are alive with new students. Not for

several years have the prospects been so good for a successful year. Especially does the large number of new students delight this department of the LOOKOUT as it gives just so much more to write about.

Shurtleff has always been noted for the ease with which he took to a new occupation, but he was never suspected of being interested in poultry until we learned that he was superintendent of the poultry show at the Willimantic fair. He has a beautiful badge bearing the legend, "Superintendent of Poultry and Pets," hung in a conspicuous place in his room.

There was some confusion recently over the questions to be answered by new students for the purpose of registering them. The secretary of the college wrote out his list of questions on a blackboard in one of the class rooms. You can imagine his amazement when he returned to find two new questions which read as follows: VII. Who ever heard of you? VIII. How many cigars have been named after you? The question is who is the joke on.

An orchestra has been formed by the students. Chapman, '06, has been elected leader, and Nash, '05, manager. It is rumored that in the near future, a recital and dance will be given for the benefit of this organization.

The cheerfulness with which the athletic teams and other college organizations are supported is very noticeable this year. This is the spirit that has been the theme of so many an editorial and note, but we are willing to give up this old stand by subject to get the result.

Don't work yourself to death, instead let the Gold Dust twins do your work for you.

The report was circulated soon after college opened that Ford had gone to Canada; but on inquiry it was found he had simply

gone to bring back a pair of valuable horses that the college imported. Ford is preparing a neat little description of his trip in book form entitled, "Forty-five hours in a box-car."

A very pleasant reception was given recently by the ladies of the church to the students. During the evening Mr. Fitts furnished entertainment with his graphophone, Profs. Clinton and White each gave a short address, and Mr. Proudman caused unusual bursts of merriment by his witty stories. The affair was very much enjoyed by all present.

In these days of trusts it seems as if their spirit was invading all corners of the earth. It has at last reached our own quiet and peaceful hill, and has been instrumental in forming a soap club, which we understand is the basis of what will some day be one of the great combines of the world.

Crowell has always been noted as a reinsman, but his hands must have lost their cunning if the report that it took him two hours and a half to drive four miles is true.

The young ladies who sit at Miss Brown's table say that the only way to get anything to eat is to keep a Tryon.

It is greatly to be regretted that we have a social lion in our midst, for to quote the words of Shakespeare, "A lion among ladies is a most awful thing." Our worthy senior Si has the distinction of being the only member of this family that has ever chosen Storrs as a habitat.

A sophomore on being asked how the freshman-sophomore rush resulted, replied, I can answer best in the words of Cæsar, "Veni, vidi, vici."

Many and diverse are the forms of amusement to be had at the cottage Friday evenings, ranging from receptions to fudge parties. Some are in favor of this

new arrangement while others prefer the old way of making Friday night callers' evening. We have finally decided that our point of view is decidedly influenced by our standing with the young lady or ladies.

It is a well-known fact that the Indian summer is one of the pleasantest parts of the year. It is further known that during this season one is apt to have an attack of what is commonly called spring fever, this disease causing the afflicted person to again re-enact the pastimes of his childhood days. It seems as if this malady had made its appearance in the habitation of our fair college mates during the recent warm weather. At any rate the inmates of the new "Dorm" recently had the opportunity of seeing the young ladies at play back of the cottage.

It is amusing to watch how a student who has taken a seat at the training table by mistake gets out when he finds that there is no pie served at this table.

Miss Thorpe has returned to college after a year's absence. She is taking a special course preparatory to entering college.

A noticeable feature at the football games this year is the yelling. The students at last realize that if they cannot all play, at least they can help the team to victory with their voices.

It is reported that several of the young men recently saw a deer near the pond, but they will not tell us whether it should be spelled "deer" or "dear."

Tennis has again sprung into popularity. The students having recently finished their new court. It is rumored that the faculty players are looking for some one to umpire their games.

The members of senior class who are taking vet., are very much interested in a case of fistula for which they are caring.



The troubles of the three under classes have commenced. The cause for this is rhetorical, which are fast approaching. One member of the junior class remarked there were only two things which never failed—rhetoricals and examinations.

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### Department Notes.

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It is interesting to note how the farmers of this state depend on the judgment and knowledge of our professors in matters pertaining to farming and farm animals. Prof. Beach has been kept busy this fall travelling from fair to fair to act as cattle judge; he also made an address at the Danbury Dairy Institute.

Prof. Monteith is giving a course of lectures on constitutional society. These lectures are given in the chapel each Wednesday evening, from 7 until 7.30 o'clock.

The Rev. H. E. Starr has been appointed college chaplain. He also is instructor in senior English.

Prof. B. B. Turner, recently a professor in the Agricultural School of Cornell, has accepted the position of Professor of Chemistry and Physics at C. A. C.

It is doubtful if the college will offer short winter courses this year, the reason for this is lack of accommodations.

Prof. J. S. Stone, of Cornell, was the guest of Prof. Clinton Sunday, October 9th.

Prof. W. A. Stocking, Jr., visited the dairy of W. F. White at Winsted recently, to investigate a case of ropy milk.

The increase of five thousand dollars in the State appropriation took effect the first of October.

Prof. Gulley is busy at present preparing his apple exhibit for the St. Louis fair.

It may interest some of my readers to know a few facts about the number of students we have this year:

Sixth year, B. S. course.....	2
Fifth year, B. S. course.....	1
Senior year.....	6
Junior year.....	21
Sophomore .....	23
Freshmen .....	22
Specials .....	21

Thus giving a total enrolment of ninety-six students, of which twenty-four are girls and seventy-two boys.

Our veterinary department is becoming noted in the surrounding country. Dr. Lehnert is kept busy attending to cases that are brought to the college for treatment.

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### Alumni Notes.

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'90. C. B. Lane has been appointed assistant chief of Dairy Division U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. He will begin his duties November 1st.

'90. C. B. Pomeroy exhibited a fine herd of Jersey cows and calves at the Willimantic fair, and carried away a good sum in prizes.

'93. M. H. Parker had a good exhibit of cattle at Willimantic fair.

'95. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pierpont are the proud parents of a daughter, Hazel, born August 18th.

'95. C. R. Greene had charge of the examinations in Hartford.

'97. A telephone line has been constructed across a part of the central portion of the state this summer. The company consists of the following officers: Mr. J. N. Fitts, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, superintendent, manager and boss of construction gang.

'98. When last heard of, C. S. Chapman was working on Government Forestry at Duluth, Minn.

'98. H. F. Anthony is playing quarter on the Wesleyan University team this fall.

'98. C. H. Francis has entered into partnership with A. B. Mathewson, of Danielson, Conn. The firm is known as Mathewson & Francis, Insurance Agents.

'98. W. S. Gillette is employed in the office of the General Master Mechanic of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., at New Haven.

'98. C. G. Smith left Eureka, Cal., where he has been at work for the Division of Forestry this summer, for New Haven, Conn., where he will continue his course in the Yale Forestry School.

'98. H. L. Garrigus received many compliments on the fine steers which he had at Willimantic fair for the college.

'99. G. M. Greene has severed his connection with Colgate & Co., to accept a position in the general chemical laboratory of the Boston and Montana Copper and Silver Mining Co., at their big smelter at Great Falls, Montana. Address, Boston & Montana Mining Co., Great Falls, Montana.

'99. E. C. Welden recently visited the college. He is at present in the employ of a Sanitary Milk Co., at Yonkers, N. Y.

'00. Miss Lena Latimer took the summer course for teachers.

'01. W. W. Dimock has returned to Cornell.

'01. F. H. Downing was superintendent of the exhibit hall at the Willimantic fair.

'02. G. H. Lamson is taking a special course in geology at Wesleyan University. Address, No. 59 North College, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

'02. Miss Maud Olin is teaching school in Moosup.

'02. Miss Vera Freeman is teaching school in Mansfield City.

'02. S. M. Crowell spent the summer working in the woods of Maryland, making a survey of the timber for the Government Forestry Bureau.

'02. The '02 class was well represented at the Willimantic fair. G. H. Hollister judged vegetables; J. B. Twing, superintendent of cattle exhibit; G. H. Lamson, assistant to Twing.

'03. W. F. Stocking drove the college steers at Willimantic fair and also at Stafford Springs.

'03. O. W. Manchester has entered Brown University, R. I.

'03. R. J. Averill has been doing quite a business filling silos for the farmers around Washington, Conn.

Ex. '04. R. K. Taylor has entered Boston Tech.

Ex. '04. Miss M. E. Morarity is teaching school at Storrs, Conn.

'03. It is with great pleasure that we hear of the appointment of Averill as press correspondent for his class. He is to give all accounts of the doings of his classmates.

### Kicking a Football.

Although, as a general thing, kicking is not extensively used in game of football, every player on a team should be able to kick reasonably well. The reason for this is, that if every man can kick, it gives the team practice in catching, which they would not get otherwise. The kicking of a football requires much more skill than it is usually gives credit for by those who know



little of the game. Perhaps, a person does not realize this fact until he sees the manner in which a "green" man handles a ball.

As a rule, this individual will hold the pig-skin nearly vertical, with a hand at each point or both hands near the bottom point. The position of his hands make very little difference to him. When ready to kick, he takes several rapid steps, throws the ball about a foot higher than his head, and several feet in front of him, catches up with it; and launches his foot at it with all the force he can muster, which is probably sufficient to knock out his infirm foundation and precipitate him to the ground. He may hit the ball and he may not. Owing to the turning of the ball, it would be a mere chance if the ball were in a suitable position to kick when he is ready to kick it. The probabilities are, that he barely grazes the ball and sends it spinning for a few feet to the side. If this be the case, our amateur may be seen a few seconds later hopping about on one leg, with his knee tightly clasped in his hands.

How different is this ludicrous attempt from the kick of a well-trained football man. He holds the ball pointing straight to the front, and inclined slightly down-

ward. He takes one long step, thereby getting a good swing without momentum sufficient to interfere with his aim. He does not throw the ball; but holds it in position until just at the right moment, when he drops it straight from his extended arms. This does not allow the ball to turn.

To be able to kick well requires long, systematic training. At most large colleges the "green" men are set to work kicking the ball about the field without touching it with their hands. This is to enable them to "find their feet" or to learn to aim with their feet. Later, they are allowed to pick the ball up and kick it in the usual manner, but only for a short distance and at a certain point. The distance at first is not more than thirty feet. The coaches gradually lengthen this distance until the man is kicking at about his limit. By this time he should be able to kick well.

Beside the common "punt," the drop kick is often employed. This kick consists in letting the ball drop on one end and kicking it just as it bounds. Drop kicking requires much more practice than a "punt," and if well executed is the prettiest kick.

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