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OBJECTS OF INTEREST AT THE MASS. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

That visitors to the Massachusetts Agricultural College may see the most in the time at their disposal, let them begin with the

FARM BARN.

Ascending the inclined driveway, at the eastern end, we come upon the hay lofts. A pair of platform scales are seen, by which each load of hay is weighed. Above us hangs the hay fork, with which the hay is unloaded. On either side are scuttles, and through these the hay is dropped to the stables below. The grain bins are midway on this floor. Turning to the right, we descend to the stables where the cattle are kept. The bulls can be seen in boxstalls at the western end of the room. At the western end of the barn, stands the new corn-house which holds 2800 bushels of unshelled corn. Below the barn is the manure celler, but for reasons obvious to all, we will pass it by, and re-enter the stable. Turning to the left, we enter an alley, where we see a fine collection of Yorkshire swine. To the left are workrooms; and boxstalls for the animals. In one of these we can see the Percheron stallion, presented to the College by Lawson Valentine, of Houghton Farm. Again turning to the left, we come upon a large flock of Southdown sheep. East of here are the stables where we may see the imported mare, presented to the College with the Percheron stallion. Leaving the barn, we proceed north, and reach the

DRILL HALL.

This building is used for the military drill during the winter and rainy weather. On our right, as we enter, is the armory, where the arms and equipments are kept. The hall proper is a large room with a cement floor, and lined with sheathing. Here we see the scull in which the Aggies won the race, at the regatta in 1871. Northwest of the drill hall is the

CHAPEL-LIBRARY BUILDING.

Entering the south west door, we come upon the reading room, where we find the leading periodicals and encyclopedias. The library takes up the remainder of the first floor, and contains 6485 volumes. The second story is occupied by the chapel room where the Sunday services are held.

SOUTH COLLEGE

is used both as a dormitory and for recitation rooms. The second room from the ground in the tower, and over the reception room, are the headquarters of the Hatch Experiment Station. As-

ending the stairs at the north entrance of the east wing, we come upon the museum. Here we see the glass models of jelly-fish and corals, made by Blaska, in Germany, and a collection of insects. Here are skeletons of our domestic animals, and the Massachusetts collection of mammals, birds, fishes and reptiles; also the ancestor of our domestic fowls, the wild jungle fowl of Java. The collection of shells and sponges should also be noticed as well as the many other interesting objects. North of South College is

NORTH COLLEGE.

The reading room is in the western end of this building, on the first floor. Here we see all the local newspapers. The

STATE EXPERIMENT STATION

is north-east of the College buildings. The main body of the building is occupied by offices, on the first floor, and by offices and sleeping rooms on the second. The two wings are occupied by laboratories. Here we can see the delicate scales with which very minute particles may be weighed. North of the Station are the instruments for measuring the fall of rain or snow and for determining the state of the atmosphere.

THE BOTANIC MUSEUM AND DURFEE

PLANT HOUSE

afford many interesting sights. Here we see a collection of grasses, sixty in number; also collections of strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, and currants. The ground on all sides is covered with fruits and plants of all kinds. The lawn is adorned with beds of assorted flowers. On this lawn we see twenty varieties of Japan maples. Southeast of the barn, is the headquarters of the horticultural department of the Hatch Experiment Station. South of this we see the grounds where the garden plants are grown.

Entering the Durfee Plant House by the south door, we come upon a perfect Paradise. In this room, we see Manilla banana from which manilla paper and rope are made, and the fast growing Chinese baraboo. According to an experiment made by Prof. Maynard, this plant grows one foot in twenty-four hours. Here is the sago palm from which sago is obtained, and the Spanish bayonet. Entering the room to the west, we see varieties of plants that grow in wet regions. This room, being flooded with water, affords a suitable habitation for many gold-fish and a young alligator. Here we see the india rubber tree, the fan palm, and the curious screw palm. In the rooms east of the center, are the banana trees, the night blooming cereus, and the century plant. North of the President's house, on the hill, is the vineyard, where we see grapes, apples, pears, and other fruit. If we continue on, and ascend Mt. Pleasant, we can get a fine view of the College grounds and of the distant Hampsire hills.—[EDITOR.

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Notice.

Between the dates of June 20, and September 1, address all communications to

CLAUDE F. WALKER,
 Darien, Conn.

Terpsichore has been received, and the editors have our thanks.

We would call special attention to the article on our first page, as it will be a great aid to strangers visiting the college.

This being the last number of our second volume, the *College Monthly* will not appear again until next September. As we close the volume, we wish to thank the public for the liberal patronage we have received, and for the success that we have met with during the past year, and hope that our next volume will be as well received.

We would earnestly endorse the measures that have been taken to arrange for a visit of the State Grange to the M. A. C. There is, and has been, great need of some way to bring the farmer of the state into more intimate relation to the College, and to let him know, and what is more, see the advantages of Agricultural Education, provided him for

his sons, by the College, and its work.

THE GRANGE.

June 7, the Upton grange had a valuable talk on insects, T. J. Harper, W. T. Wheeler, S. C. Wheeler, E. L. Hill, and others gave interesting talks on one or more classes of injurious insects.

A grange was organized at Byfield, June 11.

The floral exhibition and strawberry festival that was to be given by the Worcester grange June 19, has been postponed to June 26.

Boylston grange held an interesting meeting June 1. The respective merits of college education and trade were considered.

The third and fourth degrees were conferred by the North Andover grange, to a class of twelve persons.

The conductors on the C. R. R. have been instructed to issue free tickets from Springfield to South Vernon, to all those paying one fare one way to Amherst and Northampton to attend the commencement exercises at M. A. C., June 18, 19, 20.

East Blackstone grange had a bread exhibition Tuesday, June 15. Forty exhibits were made.

An enterprising undertaker in New York advertised: "This is the time to die. Funerals half-price to-day."

Opium has been declared a government monopoly in Peru, and the right to import and sell it is now offered for sale. Pending the disposal of this right, an import duty has been levied on all opium passing the custom house of the republic.

There is a mule on the Hudson canal who knows every inch of the route from Eddyville, N. Y., to Honestydale, Pa.. He has been thrown into the canal innumeral times, but has always escaped by swimming. "Little Solomon," for that was his name, will strain every muscle to kick a grown person, but he has never been known to hurt children, however much they may annoy him. It is also said that he can untie a knot in the canal rope as well as his master.

NOTICE!

Any person wishing to obtain back numbers of *The College Monthly* can have them at the regular price, by applying to the Editor.

AMHERST COLLEGE.

- Sub-Freshmen are appearing.
- The Seniors vacation began Saturday.
- The Glee Club will give a concert Monday, June 18.
- The Freshmen have decided to abolish rushing for the coming year.
- Pres. Seelye gave a reception to the Senior class, June 13.
- The College grounds are in a fine condition for Commencement.
- The class supper will be held at Northampton, Monday evening.
- The Northampton Orchestra will furnish music at the Kellogg Prize Speaking.
- ... Landfear represented '90, at the funeral of Towne, late of that class.
- The Senior Dramatic Company played in Northampton, Saturday, June 19
- W. P. Bigelow has been engaged to sing at the Chicopee Falls Congregational Church, for a year.
- Quite a delegation of Amherst men expect to attend the summer school at Northfield this vacation.
- The Senior class voted to substitute the Senior Dramatics for the class concert that was to be given Tuesday, June 19.
- These take part in the Hardy Prize Debate: Chapman, Coombs, Davis, Huntington, Moulton, Ramsdell, and Sullivan.
- Prof. Emerson has published the results of investigations of the Connecticut river valley in a map which embraces Hampshire, Hamden, and Franklin counties.
- The Glee Club has elected the following officers: Pres. Churchill; Sec., J. M. Burns; Executive Committee, Churchill, Blatchford; Manager, Stearns. A leader is yet to be chosen.

M A C NEWS.

- ... C. H. Watson, '87, is in town.
- ... Many 'Grangers are expected to attend the meeting here tomorrow.
- ... A large number heard the Baccalaureate sermon yesterday.
- ... Many friends and relatives of the students are visiting the College now.
- ... The Governor and his staff will be present at the Commencement exercises tomorrow.
- ... The judges for the Kendall prizes are J. C. Tuttle, Westport, Ct; T. E. Smith, W. Chesterfield; S. S. Warner, Northampton.
- ... Farmer Wright has been cutting the grass around the College buildings, and generally improving the grounds.
- ... A liberal appropriation has been made by the legislature for putting the various dwelling houses on the farm in good repair.
- ... The address of Prof. C. S. Walker for the summer will be Morrisville, Vt. He will spend his vacation among the Green Mountains.
- ... William P. Brooks, '76, Professor of Agriculture in the Imperial College of Japan, will succeed Prof. Alvord, and will assume his duties Jan. 1.
- ... Freshman night was duly observed by '91, by ringing the bell, a bonfire, tin horns etc., etc., etc., and without firing the cannon, owing to the strategy of certain Sophs.
- ... Mr. George Noyes, publisher of the Massachusetts Ploughman, died very suddenly at his home in Dorchester, Tuesday, June 12. He was an ex-trustee of the College.
- ... The most interesting game of ball played at this M. A. C. this year was between the Juniors and Sophomores a few weeks ago. At the close of the first inning both sides were blocked out, but in the second, '89 got in four runs, and considered the game theirs for sure, but '90 then made five runs. During the next inning, '89 made four runs, and '90 began to run up a score that averaged seven runs per inning. The Juniors changed pitchers each inning now, but to no avail, for '90 finally gave up the game, with the score 35 to 7, in their favor.

THE CLASS OF EIGHTY-EIGHT.

The following is a complete list of the present and past members of the Senior class at the Mass. Agricultural College.

GRADUATES.

Those marked with a star entered during or after the Sophomore year.

E. H. Belden,	North Hatfield
H. C. Bliss,*	Attleborough
F. K. Brooks,*	Haverhill
F. S. Cooley,	North Amherst
E. H. Dickinson,	Amherst
S. H. Field,	North Hatfield
F. H. Poster,	Andover
A. L. Hayward,	Ashby
J. E. Holt,*	Andover
L. F. Kinney,	Worcester
E. E. Knapp,	Glenwood
Yataro Mishima,*	Tokio, Japan
R. B. Moore,*	Frammingham
G. E. Newman,	Newbury
F. F. Noyes,	South Hingham
W. A. Parsons,*	Southampton
Thomas Rice,*	Shrewsbury
W. M. Shepardon,	Warwick
B. L. Shimer,	Redington, Pa

PAST MEMBERS.

Entered Eighty-seven:—

E. F. Richardson,	East Medway
Left during or at close of Freshman year:—	
Warren Ayre,	Lawrence
J. S. Parker,	Great Barrington
H. P. Rogers,	Boston
W. P. Smith,	Mechanicsville, N. Y.
I. H. Johnson,	Newburyport
Left during or at close of Sophomore year:—	
R. C. Hinsdale,	Greenfield
H. R. Loomis,	North Amherst
H. K. White,	Whately

Left during or at close of Junior year:—

G. W. Cutler,	Waltham
E. J. Dole,	Chicopee

Number when class entered	23.
Entered Eighty-seven	01.
Left during or after Freshman year	11.
Entered " " " Sophomore "	07.
Graduates	19.

A good many theatrical ventures now-a-days begin with a bill board and end with a board bill.

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THE SENIOR CLASS.

Oh, the Agricultural College is the place,
And Commencement is the day,
When you see the grand display,
As drawn up upon the campus, in rust sol-
dier-like array,

With their martial toes in line,
And their uniforms so fine!
See them stand,
While the soul inspiring music of the band
Wakes the echoes far and near.

List the orders, as the officers, in tones so
loud and clear,
Shout, with stern resounding accents, each
mysterious command.

Do you mark the Senior's tread?
How he bends his lofty head!
And with Bliss his face is shining,
As above the noise and din,

Of the drums and trumpets sounding,
His heart beats with such resounding
Thumps, that all must surely hear.

'T is her dulcet notes which strike so
sweetly.

On the Senior's ear,
And upon the Field, in bright array.
His charmer doth appear.

But though drilling is important,
Yet in times of peace, we care
More for other exercises,
And this fact in mind we bear,
As we gather in the chapel,
And bid all disturbance cease,
And we listen while the Senior,
Speaks his little closing piece.
Holt discourses on the pauper,
Cooley tells us of Success—

That to earn, deserve, and gain it,
In the end brings happiness.
Shimer values education
For the farmer and the man.
Mishima, in thrilling language,

Pleads for Justice to Japan,
While of Moore and Brooks and Noyes,
Sure the College should be proud,
For they pay her many a tribute,
And her praises cry aloud.
Agricultural Education
Has a eulogy from each;
Let us hope they all will practice,
What so earnestly they preach.

Now the Governor arises—
"Foster, Dickinson, and Rice,
Belden, Shepardson, and Hayward"—
How the names come in a trice!
"Parsons, Kinney, Knapp.— 't is ended,
For the last man has descended,
And each one has his diploma,
And each one may go his way,
For a Newman is the Senior,
From this Commencement day.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

AT THE

MASS. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.
1888.

SUNDAY, June 17, Baccalaureate Ser-
mon, by Rev. C. S. Walker. Ph. D.,
Professor of Mental Science, at 10.45
A. M.. Address before the Y. M. C. A.,
by Rev. Calvin Stebbins, of the Church
of the Unity, Worcester, at 8 P. M.

MONDAY, June 18, Grinnell Prize Ex-
amination, of the Seniors, in agriculture,
at 10.00 A. M. and 2.00 P. M. Standing
Gun Drill, Mortar Practice. and Bay-
onet Exercise, at 4.30 P. M. Kendall
Prize Speaking, at 8.00 P. M.

TUESDAY, June 19, Alumni Meeting,
in the Old Chapel Building at 8.30 A. M.
Graduating Exercises at 10.00 A. M.

Examination of candidates for ad-
mission at the Botanic Museum, Wed-
nesday, June 20, and Tuesday, Septem-
ber 4, at 9.00 A. M.

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AMHERST COLLEGE.

SATURDAY, June 23, at 8 P. M., Kellogg Prize Speaking in College Hall.

SUNDAY, June 24, at 10.45 A. M., baccalaureate sermon, by the president in the College church; at 4 P. M., praise service in the College church; at 8 P. M. address before the Hitchcock Society by Rev. Dr. C. M. Lamson, in College church.

MONDAY, June 25, at 10.30 A. M., Hardy prize debate in College hall; at 8 A. M., Hyde prize speaking in College hall.

TUESDAY, June 26, at 8.30 A. M. gymnastic exercises by the Junior class (Gilbert prize) in Pratt Gymnasium; at 8.30 A. M., ivy oration and poem, near College church; at 3.30 P. M., class oration and poem in College hall, immediately followed by the grove oration and poem in the College grove.

WEDNESDAY, June 27, at 9 o'clock, business meeting of the alumni association in College chapel; at 9.30, meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa society in College chapel; at ten o'clock, commencement exercises in College hall, immediately followed by the alumni dinner in Pratt gymnasium; at 8 o'clock president's reception in Walker hall.

SIFTINGS.

What is the best thing to do in a hurry?-- Nothing.

A boarding house mistress, like the rest of us has her weak and strong points, the weak point being her coffee, and the strong point being the butter.

What is the difference between a tube and a foolish dutchman? One is a hollow cylinder and the other a silly Hollander.

In an advertisement by a railroad company of some unclaimed goods, the letter I dropped from the word lawful, so that it read, "People to whom these packages are directed are requested to come forward and pay the awful charges on the same."

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