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A Band Concert and Dance

On the evening of April 19, the band gave a concert followed by a dance. The band members had practiced the pieces to be played. On Tuesday evening the band members put on their band suits and the rest of the fellows put on their cadet suits. After they were changed, the band members went to the Band Hall and got their instruments and music.

The other fellows passed to Chapel. At 8:00 o'clock the band members appeared there. The first thing was a short talk by Mr. Bradley about the current war topics and the management of the Boston Globe. Then came the concert. The programme was as follows:

March	Western World
Spanish Selection	La Poloma
Selection	War Song of Boys in Blue
Reading	Paul Revere's Ride
RICHARD HOMER HALL	
March	Show Boy
Hooligans' Cake Walk	
Selections by the New Band Boys	
a. Waltz	Beauty
b. Hymn	Abide with Me
March	New Colonial
Reading	Concord Hymn
WALTER WILLARD FRANCIS MANN	
National Airs	Russian
	French
	American

After the concert all the fellows who wished to, remained for the dance. The band members were invited also. Dancing began at once. The music was furnished by the band and orchestra. The dancing ended at 11:00 o'clock. We all enjoyed the evening very much.

GEORGE C. ADAMS.

News Gathering

May 18, Mr. William A. Swan gave an illustrated talk on news gathering. First he talked to us. Then he had the lights turned out and started with his lecture and showed his pictures.

The first picture was of the Father of the Associated Press which was formed in 1848; some of the other pictures were the news house, sending room, Pilgrims' monument, President Roosevelt and some Associated Press men at a naval display, Roosevelt surrounded by policemen and news men, Prince Henry with an Associated Press man, wireless station at Long Island, N. Y., wireless station at Nova Scotia, and many others.

It was a very interesting evening. We all wish to thank Mr. Swan.

FRANK E. WOODMAN.

Transplanting Strawberries

Recently another fellow and I helped to plant strawberries.

First the ground is hoed up along the rows, and then it is raked over. Some coarse twine is put along the row. Then a line is drawn and every so far apart a small hole is made large enough for the plant.

Another fellow dropped plants in the hole while still another loosened up the dirt and set the plants, being careful not to double up the roots. The patch was all transplanted in one morning.

Most of the strawberry plants were taken from the old strawberry bed.

WILLIAM L. HARRIS.

Gardens

Our flower gardens are in a space 100 feet long and 85 feet wide. It is enclosed on the north and east side by a hedge 14 feet high. There are 90 gardens in all and every boy who wishes one may have it.

They are of various sizes and shapes: stars, circles, triangles, squares, oblongs and some other shapes. There are four of each kind with the exception of the center ones.

The edges are stoned with smooth, rounded stones and look very nicely.

The tools and seeds for these gardens are furnished by the school. Ten cash prizes are given to the 10 fellows having the best gardens.

LESLIE M. CALKIN.

Mending Uniforms

Monday noon at 2:15 o'clock I was told by the sewing room instructor to tell Mr. Brown to have all the uniforms come in if they needed mending.

The first thing I had to do was to sew on all buttons, hooks and eyes. After this was done, all rips and holes were sewed up.

I like this work very much and try my best to make the uniforms look good.

RUSSELL A. ADAMS.

A Trip to the Dentist

May 9th, nine other fellows and myself went to the dentist on Boylston Street. We started after breakfast. We changed into our uniforms and then we went to the reading-room for instructions. When going to the steamer we stopped at the kitchen and got luncheon to take with us and then we went to City Point. We took a car at City Point and got off at Boylston Street.

When we arrived at the dentist, we took turns going in. When we were coming back, we saw four special cars of high school cadets. We all enjoyed the trip although it was to a place where we aren't usually fond of going.

ROBERT L. CLARK.

Screening Gravel

One day in the hour and a half before school, five fellows and I went over to the East Side to screen gravel. We took two screens, and three bags in which to gather the gravel.

Two other fellows and I gathered the gravel which was to be screened. We had a wheelbarrow in which we put the gravel and wheeled it up to the screens. The sand was sifted through one screen and the gravel through the other.

When we had screened a barrel and a half of gravel we started for the house.

ELWOOD S. CHASE.

Second School-Room Work

Two fellows in the second or third class work in the school-rooms before going to school.

Another boy and I are morning fellows. The other boy works in the first school-room while I do the work in the second.

The first thing I do is to erase the blackboards and then get a dust-cloth and go over the boards, making sure they are clean. Next I sweep the floor, water the plants, and do other things such as empty the waste-basket, until the dust is settled. Then I do the dusting. First I dust the desks, the table and chairs and last of all the teacher's desk. This is my daily work, although sometimes there is extra work, such as washing the black-boards, washing windows, etc.

I am excused from work at 8:30 to get ready for school.

WALTER LIND.

Working around the Farm House

First Mr. Dow told me to rake the path and then I raked around the house and after that the lawn was to be mowed.

I took a spade and dug around the small trees while another boy raked the sods into a pile. Then another boy took the spade and I raked. We did that all the afternoon and when the bell rang we lined up, came up to the barn, put up the tools, lined up again, came up to the house and got ready for supper.

HENRY C. LOWELL.

How I Spent Saturday Afternoon

One Saturday afternoon four boys and I went around North End. We picked up the curious things we saw. When we got around by North End, we picked up mussels and tried to see who would get the most pearls. They were not much good.

There is a steep bank on North End and we tried to see who would get up to the top the quickest. We saw a yacht go past and we stopped to watch it. We put some boxes that would not sink in the water. Then we threw stones at them and tried to sink them. As we had to get back at 3:00 o'clock, we then started for the house.

We reported to the supervisor and afterwards we went to the playgrounds and played "sun-p the leader".

Then we went to the cottages and played until it was time go to supper.

GEORGE W. VINCENT.

Birds on our Island

Many birds visit our Island every year. It is very interesting to watch them return. Often a bird stops here only for one day; however, many pairs summer here every year. The following were seen on April 26.

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| 1. Pigeon Hawk | 15. Field Sparrow |
| 2. Sparrow Hawk | 16. Song Sparrow |
| 3. Northern Flicker | 17. Swamp Sparrow |
| 4. Belted Kingfisher | 18. English Sparrow |
| 5. Phoebe | 19. Tree Swallow |
| 6. American Crow | 20. Barn Swallow |
| 7. Starling | 21. Warbling Vireo |
| 8. Meadow Lark | 22. Myrtle Warbler |
| 9. Rusty Blackbird | 23. Pine Warbler |
| 10. Purple Grackle | 24. Brown Creeper |
| 11. Vesper Sparrow | 25. Chickadee |
| 12. Ipswich Sparrow | 26. Veery |
| 13. Savannah Sparrow | 27. Robin |
| 14. Chipping Sparrow | 28. Bluebird |

These birds make the Island very cheerful. I enjoy their visits very much.

LOUIS R. CROXTALL.

Mechanical Drawing

Before we can make a sloyd model, we have to draw a plan. The way we draw the plan is to get a piece of drawing paper, a drawing board a little larger than the drawing paper, four thumb tacks, an eraser, pencil, a T square, triangle, and the model we are going to draw. First we draw a half inch margin around the paper and then measure the model. This done we draw as many faces of the model as are necessary to make it legible. We put on all the dimensions. Every drawing is called a plate. We print the plate number in the upper left hand corner and The Farm and Trades School in the upper right hand corner. In the middle we print the name of the model, the kind of wood it is made of, and the thickness. After this, if the sloyd instructor approves it, we pass it in to be marked. WILLIAM T. DOUGAN.

Pruning Blackberry Vines

One day I was told to get a pair of pruning shears and go down to the peach orchard and prune the blackberry vines. The first thing that I did was to cut all the dead vines and the ones that were broken down away from the others. After I got this done, I took a rake and cleaned all the leaves and grass away from them. After I got this done, I went up to the barn. FREDERICK V. HEALD.

Hauling Brush

The other day another fellow and I hitched Jim and General to the double cart and went up to Highland Road and hauled brush.

The first thing we did was to take out the rope, and then load on the brush. When we got a load on, we tied the rope on one side of the cart and then on the other side and we threw the loose rope on top of the brush.

Then we started for the brush-pile where all the brush is kept. This is at the South End, this side of Lyman Grove or in the big flats. There we unloaded the load of brush. After we had taken four loads, we put up our team for the afternoon. NORMAN MOSS.

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in some way will be called upon to do his part. The Farm School Boy's first war service was in 1846 with General Taylor in Mexico. Many served in the Civil War. In the Spanish-American War, in Cuba and in the Phillipines they gave a good account of themselves. Many last year were on the Mexican border ready to do their duty. Early in the present war some enlisted in the British Army; one was heard from as a prisoner of war in Germany. Since the United States entered upon the great crisis, they are being heard from on all sides seeking to serve where they are most needed.

It is our desire to record the service of every graduate and publish in the Beacon the facts which will be of such great interest to us all. We want the name of every fellow in whatever branch of activity he may be engaged. Any kind of material having to do with this School and the war will be of great interest. We want a complete story and ask one and all who have, or can obtain the desired information, to send it to us no matter if it is thought we have the facts; it will do no harm. We already are getting a fine start and the record should be a good one. It's value will increase with the years and when the history of the war is written, The Farm and Trades School will have its share to be told and the boys and their relatives and friends will prize the pages. The Farm School spirit is the spirit of right citizenship and the boy who represents it, when put to the test, makes good. Some must give up their lives, others will make serious sacrifices, some will safely return with honor. Those at home, too, will sacrifice in many ways. We expect that all of our boys, by word and deed, will be found doing their part in winning the great cause for humanity and that the completed records will show service well and nobly done.

Calendar

April 1. Mr. William G. Cummings, '97, here for over Sunday.

April 2. Patriotic exercises were held in Chapel in recognition of the calling together of

We all are beginning to realize that our country is entering into the greatest war of all history, a war that is going to affect every man, woman and child who today is living under the protection of the Stars and Stripes. Every one

Congress to consider declaration of war on Germany.

April 3. William G. Beadle, '12, here to play for dancing in the evening.

April 4. The W. L. Waples Company brought a second load of sand for sand blasting the paint off the building.

Motion pictures in the evening.

April 8. Manager Thomas J. Evans, '64, Mr. Mansel H. Bush, and Rev. James and Mrs. Huxtable spent Easter with us.

April 9. Heavy snow storm.

Basket ball shield and cups given out.

Dance in assembly hall in the evening.

April 11. Dr. Frank T. Taylor examined the boys' teeth.

Sugaring-off in the evening for everybody.

April 17. Man here to repair clocks.

Motion pictures in the evening.

April 19. Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '98, and the band gave a concert which was followed by a dance. The band played for part of the dancing and the orchestra the remainder.

April 20. Dr. Delano came to inspect the stock.

Swees, our St. Bernard dog, humanely disposed of.

April 24. Mr. W. L. Waples who has the contract of removing paint from the building was here.

Mr. Willard H. Perry, '10, who since his graduation has been employed as engineer, left to take a position as engineer at Shepard, Norwell Co.

April 26. Motion pictures in the evening.

April 27. Francis R. Greene was returned to his people.

April Meteorology

Maximum temperature 69° on the 22nd.
Minimum temperature 25° on the 9th, and 10th.

Mean temperature for the month 42.80°
Total precipitation 2.13 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, .99 inches on the 6th.

9 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 9 clear days, 12 partly cloudy, 9 cloudy days.

Total number of hours' sunshine, 73 and 40 minutes.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand April 1, 1917	\$1,239.87
Deposited during the month	22.05
	\$1,261.92
Withdrawn during the month	13.39
Cash on hand May 1, 1917	\$1,248.53

Cottage Row Officers

Lately we have had an election for new officers of Cottage Row. Every three months we have an election. The following boys are officers: Mayor, Lawrence E. Walters; Clerk, Clarence E. Slinger; Treasurer, Roscoe Baird; Non-Shareholding Aldermen, James A. Carson, Walter Lind; Shareholding Aldermen, Wesley C. Angell, George G. Larsson, Donald S. MacPherson; Street Commissioner, Gordon H. Cameron; Janitor, Clifford G. Leonard; Librarian, Frank E. Woodman; Police; Chief, William B. Cross; Lieutenant, Howard F. Lochrie; Sergeant, LeRoy A. Parsons; Patrolmen, Ellsworth S. Wilkins, John L. Slinger, Carl H. Collins.

LAWRENCE E. WALTERS.

Young Trees

One Friday afternoon I went to the farm. When I got down there I was told to work with Mr. Jones.

From the barn we went over to the Vegetable Cellar. There Mr. Jones got some tools and gave another fellow and me a mattock, hoe, and dung fork. He told us to dig up around the trees and to shake the dirt out of the sods.

We got through about 4:30 and our work being well done, Mr. Jones excused us from working.

CARL F. BENWAY.

Baseball

Now that spring has come, and basketball season is over, the fellows are taking interest in baseball once more.

As in basketball and football, there are four teams, "A," "B," "C," and "D," which play each other in scheduled games for the shield. This shield is a substitute for the pennant for which the big leagues play.

All the fellows that wish may be on one of these teams. The best players of the School are elected captains, and they, in turn, choose the fellows for their respective teams.

Every noon and night hour, and any other spare time, the fellows may be seen playing catch, knocking out flies, etc. They are practising to play in earnest this summer.

Each fellow on these teams plays his very best, not only to help his team win the promised shield, but to win a Crosby cup himself.

All the games are played on the playground where there is a large, excellent diamond.

ROSCOE BAIRD.

Carrying Logs

One morning about 20 fellows were told to go to the grove to carry logs. The logs were all from spruce trees that had grown old and had been felled. They were on the lawn and we did not want to pull them as to do this would spoil the sod. We arranged them in order of size and rolled each log on bars about six feet long and lifted it on the bars, two fellows to a bar, and carried it to the road where the teams hauled it away.

We carried five logs away and then went back to our other work.

FRANKLIN P. MILLER.

Equipping the Tritonia Cottage

The Tritonia cottage was built only a few years ago and there was not much furniture or many different articles with which to furnish it. It is one of the largest cottages on the Row.

I have just lately become a shareholder in this cottage and I want it to look as well as possible. With the help of my partner I have been able to make a table of white pine about four feet square and about two and three-fourths feet high. We also have made a window frame, put up a few shelves and made a corner seat. When all of the woodwork is done, we will put up our pennants, numbering about 36. Some curtains and pictures will be put up also. As for seats small benches are being made.

We also are improving the outside. We have made a wooden plate of oak with the name of the cottage printed on it. We have erected a small flag pole on the cottage. In front of the cottage is a small flower garden.

We hope that when the Tritonia cottage is all equipped, it will be the best cottage in Cottage Row.

LEROY A. PARSONS.

My Work in the Wash Room

Of late I have been wash room fellow. The first thing I do is to sweep the floor, and take my dirt and waste down behind the Power House. Next I wipe out the sink to get all the water out of it and then oil it so as to prevent rusting.

Some days I shine the shower, other days I shine brass pipes, wash looking glasses and clean windows. I enjoy this work very much.

JOHN E. KERVIN.

An Aviation School

For a number of years there has been an aviation field at Squantum. This year a school for aviators has been started there.

From our Island can be seen the tents of the flyers and the aeroplane hangers.

Lately biplanes and aeroplanes have been seen and heard flying over or around our Island. They fly high and low and sometimes light on the water only to ascend again.

WALLACE A. BACON.

A Kernel of Wheat

There is a chart in the second school-room that came from the Gold Medal Flour Co. It has a kernel of wheat on it. The kernel is shaped like an egg. There are seven kinds of layers beside the germ. The germ is at the top of the kernel. The first layer's name is Epidermis; second Epicarp; third Endocarp; fourth Tesla; fifth Perisperm; sixth Aleurone; seventh Endosperm.

There is another page underneath. This page has the picture of the different parts in the flour mills. There are 23 different parts. The 1st, the scales; 2nd, receiving separator; 3rd, storage bins; 4th, mill separator; 5th, scourer; 6th, cockle cylinder; 7th, the wheat washer; 8th, wheat dryer; 9th, first break rolls corrugated; 10th, first break scalper; 11th, second break rolls corrugated; 12th, second break scalper; 13th, third break rolls corrugated; 14th, third break scalper; 15th, bran duster; 16th, bran bin; 17th, grading reel; 18th, dust collector; 19th, smooth rolls; 20th, flour bolter; 21st, second reduction rolls; 22nd, flour bolter; 23rd, flour bin and packer.

ARTHUR J. SCHAEFER.

Making Cookies

Every Thursday morning it is my duty to make the fellows' cookies for the following Sunday night. The batter consists of two quarts of butter milk, two quarts of molasses, one quart of lard, eight teaspoons of salt, one-third of a cup of soda and one-third of a cup of ginger with flour enough to roll out. The dough is rolled out to the right thickness and the cookies are cut out and baked in tins.

CLARENCE E. SLINGER.

Drills

We have drills morning and evening. There are two companys that drill, Company A and B. Company A is composed of 49 fellows and Company B 40 fellows; Company A drills in the morning from 6:00 o'clock to 6:25 when mess

call blows. Just before mess call blows recall is blown and the company stops drilling.

Company B drills in the evening from 7:00 o'clock to 7:30. The first call is blown at 6:55 o'clock for the companies to fall in. Then the companies stand at attention while retreat is blown and the flag lowered. At 7:30 recall is blown and the company breaks up.

GEORGE R. RIGGS.

Our Orchestra

For a number of years the School has had a band, but this year we have started an orchestra under the instruction of Miss Ferguson. This orchestra is to play at the dances, etc. The orchestra is made up of the following people:

Miss Ferguson	Piano
Howard F. Lochrie	Clarinet
Warren F. Noyes	Violin
William B. Cross	Cornet
Donald S. MacPherson	Trombone
Clifford G. Leonard	Baritone

I like this very much, and hope it will be a success.

WARREN F. NOYES.

Kitchen Work

In the afternoon four fellows work in the kitchen. When we go in at 12:00 o'clock two fellows take the garbage down to the barn while the other two fellows wash and dry the dishes and do other odd jobs. When the two fellows come back with the garbage can and the other work is done, we scrub the floor. After the floor is done, we do more dishes or anything else that is necessary. When all the work is done we have the rest of the afternoon until 5:00 o'clock to ourselves.

At 5:00 o'clock when we go to work again, three of the fellows work until 5:25 o'clock when they go into supper, and I work until 6:00 o'clock when I go to supper. We come in the kitchen after supper and work until 7:00 o'clock.

FRANK E. WOODMAN.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

WILLIAM N. HUGHES '59, President
Dorchester

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Dorchester

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25 Rockdale Street, Mattapan

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Dorchester

WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84, Historian
Everett

GEORGE W. CAMPBELL, '54, has been re-elected secretary and treasurer of Company H, First Massachusetts Volunteer Veteran Association, which held its 56th reunion and dinner at the Quincy House, Boston, on April 19.

LEROY S. KENFIELD, '82, has made another investment in real estate, having recently taken title to the property at 106 Fletcher Street, Roslindale.

FRANK L. WASHBURN, '83, has been appointed janitor of the Lowell School in Jamaica Plain. He lives at 337 Center street, Jamaica Plain.

THOMAS BROWN, '00, for eight years manager at the Parker House, and Mr. Saltmarsh Stewart of the same house announce the opening of the Blue Pigeon Tavern at Bass Point, Nahant May 15th. Both men certainly know how to do the Hotel business right and we wish them all success.

FREDERICK P. THAYER, '04, superintendent of type-setting machines at the Southgate Press, has been ill with an attack of muscular rheumatism at his home, 72 Ridgewood Street, Dorchester.

STEPHEN G. STACKPOLE, '06, is with the 13th division at the Plattsburg camp.

HERBERT F. WATSON, '08, enlisted in April in the Navy as radio operator on Steamship Virginia, Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.

LELAND B. WATSON, '08, is married and has a small son and is living in Holden, Mass. He is employed in the cost department of a machine shop in Worcester.

HERBERT A. SOUTHER, '12, living at 203 Main Street, West Haven, Conn., is married and has one child. At present Herbert is employed in a machine shop at exceedingly good wages.

BERNHARD GERECKE, '13, has gone as third Assistant Engineer on the Steamship Pioneer to Havre, France. The ship belongs to the Standard Transportation Co., of New Jersey, 26 Broadway, New York City, and mail will reach him at that address. He states that he is to receive \$240. per month.

HENRY P. HOLMES, '16, is going to work this summer on his mother's farm in Chester, N. H., R. F. D. No. 2.

LORIN L. BABCOCK '16, has for about four months been on a duck farm in Raynham, Mass. He is now to go on a farm for general work in Sheron, Mass.

Good Mates

One day when I was working down in the orchard trimming blackberry bushes I accidentally came across a nest with 22 eggs in it. I kept watch of the nest and later a turkey came and got on it. A few days later a duck was setting on the same nest and there were about 12 duck eggs in it.

A week or so later I saw the nest and the duck and turkey were peaceably sharing it.

Upon inspection I found there were 44 eggs in all.

WARREN F. NOYES.

Transplanting Gooseberry Bushes

One day it was the work of some of the fellows to transplant gooseberry bushes. We have two long rows which are planted southwest of the Farm House. During the afternoon we weeded and transplanted one row.

GLENN R. FURBUSH



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Lecture on Russia

One evening we had the pleasure of listening to Mr. George E. Davis, Master of the Lynn High School, who talked to us about Russia.

First he showed us a picture of the boat on which he traveled from the United States to Russia. Then followed other pictures which were interesting. One interesting story he told was how, when the steamer reached the harbor of St. Petersburg, the Czar was visiting one of the forts on a tour of inspection and orders were given that no boat should enter or leave the harbor. As there were Americans on board the steamer, the Stars and Strips were hoisted; the patrol boat then escorted them past. Mr. Davis showed many pictures of two large cities in Russia, St. Petersburg and Moscow. Most of the pictures shown were of cathedrals and temples. On the roof of one of them were cupolas. He showed us pictures of the inside of them. Here were pictures made of tiny pieces of gold, marble and precious stones. Many of the pictures were very valuable. The pictures of the buildings and cities looked rather queer to us and we enjoyed seeing these foreign views.

ARTHUR J. SCHAEFER.

Friends' Day

Friends' Day, or Visiting Day, is a happy one for the fellows of Thompson's Island. It comes once a month, during summer. This year the first one came on the 28th of May, and was looked forward to months before. Friends' Day cards were sent a week before the day.

The Nantasket Beach Steamboat Co., which always supplies transportation for visitors from Rowes Wharf to the Island, gave us, this year

the use of one of their many steamboats, the "Old Colony."

As usual the fellows marched to the Wharf and stood in columns of two's, on each side of the Wharf, while the band and colors marched between, and stood ready to play the first march, on the arrival of the boat, which was soon seen coming in the distance, around Castle Island. After what seemed a long time, it finally landed, and the people came ashore. When all were landed the band, conducted by Mr. Ellis, played.

ROSCOE BAIRD.

Memorial Sunday Exercises

On Sunday morning May 27, the fellows were told to wash themselves and shine their shoes and then go down and put on their uniforms, the members of the band putting on their band suits. The band members went down to the band hall and got their instruments and came up to the house and lined up in front of the other fellows. We then marched over to the cemetery. The programme was as follows:

Wayside Chapel	. . . . .	Band
Abide With Me	. . . . .	Band
		School
Nearer My God To Thee	. . . . .	Band
		School
Meditation	. . . . .	Band
Bivouac of the Dead	,	Walter Mann
Soldiers Dirge	. . . . .	George Riggs
Decorating the Graves		
Drum Solo	. . . . .	Kenneth Bemis
Taps	Mr. Ellis, William Cross, and Clarence Slinger	

DANIEL E. SMITH.

The Potato Contest

Some time in May a potato contest was started. All instructors and fellows who wished to plant potatoes, could. A strip of about an acre and a half was cultivated and harrowed for use. There are 16 sections, and 11 rows in a section, and each section is 100 feet long and 30 feet wide. Some boys together took a section; others took a row or two.

First in preparing our potatoes we cut them in half, lengthwise, leaving on each piece at least two eyes. Then a line was put on. In certain sections the potatoes were farther apart than in others; the distance varied from one foot to two feet.

I took two rows. In my two rows I planted the potatoes 15 inches apart. I then put a very thin layer of dirt on them, just enough to cover them. I then put a small amount of fertilizer where each potato was planted. Then the dirt was hoed over them.

There will be prizes given for the best results, judged in regard to size and quantity.

There is a committee in charge who have made certain rules, one of which is that each person must do his own work. If he fails to take care of his section or strip, it will be taken from him and he will be fined.

WILLIAM L. HARRIS.

Planting Cabbages

One afternoon Mr. Jones told the farm fellows to get trowels and watering cans, and go out with him to plant cabbages. The fellows with the trowels dug holes four inches deep and two feet apart. When the holes were dug a boy would drop the plants in them, and then another boy would put the soil around them and water them.

HERMAN L. LINDSAY.

Mixing Cement

One afternoon Mr. Brown told another fellow and me to help Mr. Moore. First he told me to put five pails of gravel into a box, then three pails of sand. Another fellow and I mixed them together. Then Mr. Moore put

a pail full of cement on top. After this was done he put about three pails of water on it. I took a pail and helped carry it over to the window pocket. This was rough cement and it was left to dry.

The next day I helped mix some cement. This was smoother as it was made of fine sand. This was placed on top of the other cement and when it was level it was left to dry.

WALTER F. MANN.

Second Schoolroom Maps

Over the blackboard in the front of the Second Schoolroom are five maps. They are used to describe different points in history and geography. Extending down from the ceiling to the blackboard are two boards 33 1-2 inches apart are 2 1-2 inches wide. On these boards are places for eight hooks on each side. The maps are like a curtain attached to a strip of board. The names of the maps are, United States with part of Canada; The World in Hemispheres; Africa; North America; Massachusetts. Besides these are some other maps which are kept underneath the table, they are, the West Indies with the Gulf of Mexico and Carribean Sea; Atlantic Coast from Halifax to Haiti including the Bahamas and the Greater Antilles; Boston Inner Harbor; Mexico; The Arctic Regions; Colon Harbor, Panama; Kennebec River to Deer Island.

RICHARD H. HALL.

Fixing up the Front Lawn

One afternoon I helped Mr. Sunderland set out trees and shrubs. First we dug up a spruce tree from back of the Vegetable Cellar and brought it up to the front lawn. Here we dug a hole three feet in diameter and as deep as twice the blade of the shovel. Then we placed the tree in this hole, filled it with dirt and watered it. When this was done, I went over to the peach orchard and got some purple dog wood. These we planted in two beds on the lawn opposite the end of the Farm House path.

ROLLINS A. FURBUSH.

Making Patterns for Signal Flags

Recently we started to make signal flags in the sewing room. My part was to make the patterns for the flags. I made patterns for the letters A, E, F, I, O, T, U, X, Y, Z which were needed to make a complete set. The letters A, I, O, T, U, X, Y, Z are oblong in shape, 27 inches long and 24 inches wide. The letters E and F are pennant in shape and are 42 inches long and 24 inches wide. I copied the patterns from pictures in a book called "Sea Scouting and Seamanship for Boys." The patterns I made are 48 times as large as those in the book.

A is a strip of white cloth 15 inches wide on the left and a strip of blue cloth six inches wide on the right. It is a two pointed flag.

I is a yellow flag with a black circle in the center nine inches in diameter.

O is a yellow and a red piece of cloth each triangular in shape, sewed together so as to form an oblong, the red piece on the top and the yellow piece on the bottom.

T is red, white and blue; a red strip of cloth nine inches wide on the left, a blue strip of cloth nine inches wide on the right, a white strip of cloth nine inches wide in between the red and blue strips.

U is red and white, two oblongs of red opposite each other and the white the same.

X is white with a blue cross; each strip of the cross is three inches wide.

Y is red and yellow with five red stripes and five yellow stripes running diagonally.

Z is made up of four triangular pieces of red and yellow opposite each other and black and blue opposite each other, with the points together.

E is red, white and blue with the pieces of cloth in the same order as the pieces of cloth in flag letter F.

F is red with a white cross, each strip of the cross being four and one-half inches wide.

I like to make patterns very much.

GEORGE R. RIGGS.

Work in the Dormitory

One night we lined up in chapel and some of the morning farm fellows had their work changed. I was transferred to the dormitory.

Our first job is to make the fellows' beds. We have 35 beds to make. There are two fellows on each side of the dormitory. When we get that done we sweep and scrub.

There are three dormitories. The West is for the small boys, the East for the larger ones and the North for first and advanced classes.

WILLIAM H. MACDONALD.

My Afternoon Work

In the afternoon I go down to the barn and give the cows their hay. I clean out in back of them, and then I clean the cows. I let them out to water and while they are out I sweep the mangers, spread the bedding and sweep the main floor, then I let in the cows. When this is done I put down hay for the night and morning feed for all the cows and horses.

NORMAN MOSS.

Fishing

One afternoon after I finished my work in the bakery, another boy and I dug some worms and went down to the Wharf. We baited our lines and threw them over. I waited for about 10 minutes, and then I felt a nibble on my line. I gave the line a jerk and pulled it in with a flounder on it. I got two other flounders besides that one. At 5:00 o'clock I went up to the kitchen and fried the flounders in corn meal for supper. I enjoyed the afternoon and the fish very much.

ELBERT K. LINSLEY.

Avenue Work

One morning it was my work to rake and clean the avenues. I first raked all the leaves and twigs into the center of the avenue, and then into piles. I took a gutter broom and swept the gutters, making piles of the dirt as I went along. After I had finished sweeping, I took a bag and collected the dirt and rubbish. This work is done in the morning and afternoon and keeps the avenues looking nice all the time.

FREDERICK V. HEALD.

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Opportunity is an item of success of which we hear a great deal. It is commonly supposed that she knocks at each man's door once. Some men are so indifferent, however, that they

do not know when she comes, while others are so keenly awake to her coming that they have the door open promptly, and she literally falls into the house.

You cannot have your ears too keenly cocked for her gentle rapping—not your physical ears of course, but the ears of your will and your mind. She may keep you on the alert for a long time, but if you become impatient of the delay, there is nothing to prevent you from going out into the highways of the world and finding her.

Like most other things, the coming of opportunity which opens the way to success is principally a matter of preparation. "I will study and prepare myself," said Lincoln, "and then, some day, my chance will surely come."

But to the man who is not prepared, the coming of opportunity is worse than nothing, for it is the cause of life-long regret. Like the gift of Midas, it is a curse if you cannot master it.

To the man who is prepared, opportunity is certain, for knowledge and ability are constantly in demand everywhere. They make opportunity; but a man without them is like a lamp without oil—useless. Elbert Hubbard wrote, "Responsibilities gravitate to him who can shoulder them, and power flows to the man who knows how."

It is very agreeable to lay hold of opportunity, and riding in an automobile is a pleasant mode of travel; and they are alike in this, that there are a great many things which must be done before you can have them. Generally speaking, neither of them is a gift. You must buy your car, and gasoline, and oil, before you can enjoy the pleasure and efficiency of riding; and you must purchase your opportunity by the study, and thought, and labor of preparation.

Calendar

May 3. A horse, "Babe" was humanely disposed of.

May 4. William G. Cummings, '98, visited over Sunday.

May 8. Mr. George E. Davis, Master of the Lynn English High School, gave an illustrated talk on Russia.

May 9. Ten boys went to the dentist.

May 13. Mother's Day and appropriate services were held in chapel.

May 14. A. L. Curado here to instruct in the harvesting and peeling of basket willows.

May 15. Mr. Brown with nine boys attended the funeral of Ernest Russell in Bellerica, Mass.

May 16. Secretary I. Tucker Daland visited the School.

Two boys went to the dentist.

May 17. Mr. C. C. Britton here to look over bees.

Mr. John K. M. L. Farquhar and Mr. Cruickshank here to advise in regard to planting of trees and shrubs which Mr. Farquhar gave the School.

May 18. Mr. William A. Swan gave an illustrated talk on "News Gathering."

May 19. Henry Paul Holmes, '15, visited the School.

Alfred Jacobs, '10, visited the School.

May 21. A birthday cake given by Manager Charles T. Gallagher was distributed among the instructors and the boys in assembly hall.

May 24. The new power-boat came.

May 25. Sewing machine man here looking over machines.

May 26. A concert by the band followed by a dance was given. Mr. Howard Ellis, assisted by two musicians from town, furnished the music. There were several guests from town. Miss Hazel Pearl Cobb from Hardwick, Vermont, William G. Cummings, '98, William G. Beadle, '12, and Alfred Jacobs, '10.

Raymond S. Moses, '16, visited the School over Sunday.

May 27. Memorial Service held in the cemetery with the Mayor of Cottage Row, Lawrence E. Walters, in charge.

May 28. The first Friends' Day, and 169 people were present.

Scotch and Austrian pines and shrubs in variety came from Mr. John K. M. L. Farquhar.

May 30. Herbert F. Watson, '08, visited the School and remained over night.

May 31. The first class had a field demonstration in the afternoon.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand May 1, 1917	\$1,248.53
Deposited during the month	34.92
	\$1,283.45
Withdrawn during the month	11.69
Cash on hand June 1, 1917	1,271.76

May Meteorology

Maximum temperature 78° on the 20th.

Minimum temperature 31° on the 12th.

Mean temperature for the month 54.60°

Total precipitation 4.14 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, 1.40 inches on the 28th.

10 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 8 clear days, 14 partly cloudy, 9 cloudy days.

Total number of hours' sunshine, 63 and 28 minutes.

Working in the Kitchen

My work in the kitchen is to dry dishes. First the dishes are washed. After they are washed, they are put in the pan and scalded and dried, and then they are put in the pantry ready to be used.

The next thing to be done is to scrub the towels. After they are thoroughly scrubbed, they are rinsed and hung on the rack, and then I scrub the floor. I scrub ten squares near the door while two other boys scrub other places. Then I am allowed to go for the afternoon.

HERBERT ANTELL.

Motion Pictures

About two years ago Christmas it was announced by Mr. Bradley that Mrs. Charles Mason, a friend of the School, had given us a present of a motion picture machine.

Through the kindness of this same friend, nearly every Wednesday evening we have motion pictures.

Our machine is a Pathoscope Machine mounted on a beautiful cabinet, and the films we use are non-inflammable.

The pictures we see here are about as good and about as large as those seen in the City. We show our pictures in the assembly hall. We have our screen about 30 ft. in front of the machine so that the instructors and boys can see the pictures well. At these occasions five reels are shown. The next day the reels are taken to Boston and changed for new ones.

Some of the pictures we have seen are: Les Miserables; Treasure Island; The Raven; The Last Volunteer; Adam Bede; The Exploits of Elaine; The Making of an American, and many educational pictures.

LEROY A. PARSONS.

My New Work

Monday, May 14, I was told to report to the instructors' dining-room when the other two boys went down. When I got down there, I was told to wait on one of the tables. When the instructors came in, I passed them what they wanted. Waiting on table is now my regular work.

After they go out I have to clean off the table and then I am through. I like this work very much and I want to thank the person who made it possible for me to work there.

EVERETT B. LELAND.

Work in the Boys' Dining-Room

Every morning when we come down from the dormitory we wash and then the dining-room boys go in the dining-room. We put the breakfast on the tables while the rest of the boys drill. When everything is ready, the boys

come in to breakfast. After breakfast all except the dining-room boys go out.

We take the soiled dishes to the washer. Then we take off the pitchers. We crumb our tables, after which we sweep the floor. Then we wash our tables and set them. We usually are done by 9:00 o'clock every morning. One fellow does extra work but all have to scrub for an hour. The one that scrubs well for an hour may do extra work. THOMAS R. ROBERTS.

The Yacht Race

One Sunday afternoon, a number of fellows and myself were out on the playground listening to Mr. Thompson read to us, when one fellow said, "There's a yacht race just starting." I looked over to City Point where there were five good sized yachts starting. As I had no glasses I could not distinguish them. One boat that had a good crew and a large spread of canvas kept first place all the way to the finish. The course was from the Yacht Club around the spar buoy off the North End of our Island and around the spar buoy off South End. After going around the spar buoy at North End the yacht that had second place began to lose steadily, while the yacht that had last place caught the wind and had a fine race with the fourth and came in second at the finish.

RUSSELL A. ADAMS.

Setting Out Trees

Recently when I went down to the farm the instructor told me to help another instructor, with two other fellows, to set out some pine trees. Near the Vegetable Cellar there were two rows of these pine trees and many had been taken out, leaving a vacant space. Two fellows dug holes a foot deep and a foot in circumference, while the other fellow helped the instructor take all of the trees out of one row and put them in the fullest row about a foot and one-half apart.

We finished this work in time to go up to the barn and then to the house to get ready for dinner. I like this work very much.

JOHN L. SLINGER.

Digging around Young Oaks

Mr. Hayden told some of us boys to go with Mr. Allen over to Lyman Grove.

In Lyman Grove are a number of small oak trees. We were to dig around each tree, loosening the dirt.

With hoes we cut a circle about one foot in diameter around each tree. We finished four rows that afternoon.

HENRY C. LOWELL.

Memorial Day

As Memorial Day was a holiday, we were given the day to ourselves.

After breakfast the necessary work was done. Then we could do whatever we wished until dinner time.

After dinner the nine fellows chosen to represent the school team to play the instructors put on their baseball uniforms. At 2:15 the game started.

LINE UP

Instructors	School
Brown, c	Gould, c
Allen, p	Slinger, p
Sunderland, 1st. b	Green, 1st. b
Dow, 2d. b	Craig, 2d. b
Hayden, 3rd. b	Gould, 3rd. b
McKay, ss	Bemis, ss
Alexander, lf	C. Slinger, lf
Jones, cf	Dudley, cf
Ameer, rf	Cross, rf

In the fifth inning Slinger caught, Bemis replacing him in the box, and Gould going to short.

The score shows the instructors had the best of the argument, the game going to them by the final count of 6 to 2.

HEMAN A. LANDERS.

Our Laundry

We are fortunate to have a fully equipped steam laundry. It consists of two washers, boiler, six tubs, starch kettle, extractor, drier, flatworker, body ironer, collar press, collar shaper, two shirt boards and two table boards.

We wash our clothes five minutes in cold water, 15 minutes in cold soapy water, a warm

rinse, 15 minutes in warm soapy water, 10 or 15 minutes to boil, followed by three hot rinse waters and one cold.

The clothes are then taken to the extractor which removes part of the water. If the clothes are instructors', some of them are put in bags to be ironed. The others which are to be starched are laid on a table near the starch table.

Clothes, such as boys stockings and shirts, are put in the drier and left for 30 minutes. When they are dried we shake them out and put them in a basket to go to the sewing room.

The instructors' and boys' sheets, pillow cases, towels, napkins and table linen are done on the flatworker. The collar press is used to press the neck band of shirts, cuffs, collars and various other things. The body ironer is to do the sleeves, body of shirts, night dresses, and dining-room aprons. The skirt boards are for dresses, womens' clothing, etc. The two table boards are for handkerchiefs and napkins.

WALLACE A. BACON.

The School Bank

Here at the School is a boys' bank which was started in 1889. Many of the fellows get money in various ways, for prizes, work, and from friends and relatives on Friends' Days. Each fellow has a bank book in which each deposit with the date is put down.

The banking materials consist of a cash box in which are the deposit slips, envelopes, and checks for withdrawal of money.

On Saturday nights and Visiting Days the Cash Box is taken to the South Basement where banking is then done.

This would make it seem as if we had to save all our money, which is not so, for The Farm and Trades School Trading Company furnishes ample opportunity to spend money. Cottage shares are bought and sold, and Christmas presents, books and various other things are purchased through our banking system.

The School bank has lived for 28 years and doubtless will live for many more years as we all hope it will.

LESLIE E. RUSSELL.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Dorchester

WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84, Historian
Everett

The semi-annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held on the evening of Wednesday, May 9, at the Parker House. The attendance was about the usual number, which is always small, but it was also, as usual, a very interesting gathering. Always at these meetings some fellow shows up for the first time at an alumni gathering, and meets fellows he has not seen in years, possibly not for a generation. Last year, D. W. Lughton, '01, of Keene, N. H., was the man to come back for the first time. At this year's meeting there were two. One was William E. Bell of Dorchester, '69, and the other was Frank L. Washburn, '83, of Jamaica Plain. Both men met schoolmates of boyhood days.

Then what was of even more interest was the presence of a group of the younger alumni, four of whom had already enrolled in the military service of Uncle Sam, splendid types of young, vigorous, American manhood. Then there were the regular attendants at the business meetings of the Association, the backbone of it, the pillars, who maintain their interest in it, year in and year out.

Business was mostly routine and brief, in fact the shortest meeting on record, according to the veteran secretary. There was the election of new members, reports of committees and plans for the gala event of the year, the Association's field day at Thompson's Island on Monday, June 18. Everything ran smoothly.

The following were elected to membership: Eldred W. Allen, '16, of Boston; William E. Bell, '69, of Dorchester; Elwin C. Bemis, '16, of Somerville; Truman G. Cannon, '16, of Tignish, P. E. I.; Joseph L. Pendergast, '16, of Somerville; Frank L. Washburn, '83, of Jamaica Plain.

President Hughes, brief, business-like and to the point, presided, and Secretary Merton P. Ellis, always faithful, and the best posted alumnus in the Association, was on hand with his bag of well kept records and his perennial smile.

WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84, was one of the speakers at the 114th annual meeting of the Massachusetts Congregational Conference at Taunton on May 16. The subject of discussion, which was the feature of the morning session, was "Effective Leadership in a Congregational Church," with four speakers presenting four different standpoints. Mr. Alcott spoke from the standpoint of a church official. He is chairman of the Advisory Board of the First Congregational Church in Chelsea.

Papers and Magazines

In the boys' reading room there are magazines for the boys to read. Those who are in the first grade are allowed to go to the reading room every night after seven to read the papers and magazines until 9:00 o'clock.

Some of the papers and magazines are as follows: Boston Evening Transcript, The Christian Science Monitor, The Country Gentleman, Scientific American, Our Dumb Animals, Our Paper, St. Nicholas, The Beacon, Child's Hour, Current Events, The Dawn, Telephone Topics, Walworth Log, World's Work, Youth's Companion, Popular Mechanics. The boys like to read the papers and magazines, especially the Popular Mechanics, World's Work, Youth's Companion, Country Gentleman and St. Nicholas.

As I am office boy it is part of my work to see that the papers and magazines are kept in order.

ALBERT ANDERSON.



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Graduation

Graduation Day, June 14, dawned with every indication of being a good day. At 2:30 o'clock, dressed in our cadet suits, we marched to the Wharf, with the band in the lead, ready to welcome the guests upon landing from the steamer "Old Colony," of the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company. As the steamer neared the Wharf the band struck up a lively tune. After all had disembarked, the boys escorted the people to the front lawn, the band leading and playing a march. The speaker of the day Rev. F. J. Foakes-Jackson, D. D., Canon of Peterborough, England, together with Manager Charles T. Gallagher, Solomon B. Holman, the oldest living graduate of the Farm and Trades School, and other noted guests, with Mr. Bradley came next and the boys and their friends followed. Along the line of march were large streamers of old gold and navy blue, the School colors.

The front lawn was prettily decorated with the School colors and the flags of the allied nations, the American, British and French colors standing out amid the other flags. The seats had been arranged in a semicircle with the temporary platform in the center. The graduating class was seated at the left of the platform, the managers and guests were at the right, friends and relatives in the center and the boys and band a little to the left of the center.

We were very much interested in the remarks of the Rev. F. J. Foakes-Jackson, D. D., who was introduced by Mr. Charles T. Gallagher, one of our managers. He used the class motto,

"Purpose, preparedness and patriotism" as his theme and reviewed the remarks of Wesley Angell, the valedictorian.

Following is the programme:

6TH MASSACHUSETTS MARCH	<i>Jean Missud</i>
Band	
PRAYER	
Rev. James Huxtable	
SALUTATORY	Banks
Leslie Ellsworth Russell	
RECESSIONAL	{ <i>Rudyard Kipling</i>
	{ <i>Reginald de Koven</i>
School	
ESSAY	Ship-building
Ellsworth Smith Wilkins	
WAR SONGS OF THE BOYS IN BLUE	
Band	
CLASS PROPHECY	
William Burton Cross	
MARSEILLAISE	<i>Rouget de L'isle</i>
School	
ESSAY	Sloyd
Gustaf George Larsson	
AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL	{ <i>Katherine Lee Bates</i>
	{ <i>J. S. Fearis</i>
School	
THE AMERICAN FLAG	<i>Joseph R. Drake</i>
Donald Stephen MacPherson	
VALEDICTORY	
Wesley Clinton Angell	
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	
By Manager Charles T. Gallagher	
ADDRESS	
F. J. Foakes-Jackson, D. D.	
Canon of Peterborough, England	

SCHOOL SONG

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Mr. Charles H. Bradley

AMERICA—GOD SAVE THE KING

School

F. T. S.

Walter L. Cole

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FORGING

Robert H. Peterson

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Ellsworth S. Wilkins

ESSAYS PREPARED BY OTHERS OF THE
CLASS OF 1917

Birds George Clarence Adams

The American Indian Kenneth Arlington Bemis

Improvements at Our Island Walter Lawson Cole

Forging Carl Hill Collins

Basketball William Thomas Dougan

Poultry Elmer Wilfred Green

Machine Guns Newton Henry Hodgson

Maple Sugar Industry Douglas Albert Hunt

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Donald Stephen MacPherson

Old Glory George Byron McLeod

Fruit Culture Victor Henry Muse

The Art of Paper Making Robert Hjalmar Peterson

History of Our Band Clarence Ellsworth Slinger

Our City Government John Leslie Slinger

GRADUATING CLASSES

LITERARY

George C. Adams	Richmond P. Ingalls
Wesley C. Angell	Gustaf G. Larsson
Kenneth A. Bemis	Donald S. MacPherson
Walter L. Cole	George B. McLeod
Carl H. Collins	Victor H. Muse
William B. Cross	Robert H. Peterson
William T. Dougan	Leslie E. Russell
Elmer W. Green	Clarence E. Slinger
Newton H. Hodgson	John L. Slinger
Douglas A. Hunt	Ellsworth S. Wilkins

SLOYD

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Wesley C. Angell	Clifford G. Leonard
Kenneth A. Bemis	George B. McLeod
Rupert F. Calkin	Elmer E. Moore
William T. Dougan	LeRoy A. Parsons
Theodore J. Gould	Leslie E. Russell
Elmer W. Green	Clarence E. Slinger
Newton H. Hodgson	Charles F. Weymouth
	Ellsworth S. Wilkins

When the exercises were over we visited with our friends. At 5:30 o'clock the bell was rung, giving us the signal that the steamer was sighted. We gathered on the Wharf. After the friends were on board the boys gave three hearty cheers which were answered by the whistle on the steamer.

In the evening the graduating class held a dance in honor of their graduation.

LEROY A. PARSONS.

Our First Swim

The time has come when our swims begin again. All of us were wondering when the first one would be. Monday, June 25, was a good day so it was thought we would enjoy a swim. After dinner the whistle blew and we lined up and marched down on the Wharf. Two of the boat crew fellows are always out in the boat so as to be in readiness if any accident should occur. Mr. Bradley told us the rules of swimming, how far we were allowed to go out, what the different whistles meant, etc. The whistle blew and we all went into the water. A few boys who have not yet learned how to swim stayed near shore and tried to swim. Some boys learn faster than others. We like to go for a swim whenever we get a chance.

JOSEPH KERVIN.

Weeding Onions

One Friday afternoon I worked on the farm. I was sent to work weeding onions with Mr. Dow. We got rakes and weeders and marched over to the onion patch. We each took a row of onions and when the first was finished, we took another row. Great pains have to be taken because one is very apt to pull out the onions if he is not careful. I weeded two rows.

CARL F. BENWAY.

Alumni Day

On June 18, at 10 o'clock the fellows marched down to the Wharf to meet the Alumni. At 10:30 o'clock as the boat landed the band played a snappy march. After all the people had landed, we all marched up to the Main Building to the tune of the band.

When we got up to the Main Building the band fellows put their instruments away. Then all the fellows lined up in two companies. Mr. Sunderland, our drill master, put us through an exhibition drill, showing the Alumni what we are doing in the way of military preparedness.

When we were dismissed we went down to the drawer room and took off our uniforms and got ready for dinner.

About 2:00 the races began. The races were as follows:

- Potato Race
- Pony Express
- Spar Contest
- Sack Race
- Barrel Duel
- Obstacle Race
- Three-Legged Race

After the races the Alumni had a game of baseball, between the married men and single men. At 5:30 the graduates and their friends left for home. I am sure they enjoyed the day very much.

DANIEL E. SMITH.

Hoing Carrots

One morning Mr. Hayden told some other fellows and myself to go with Mr. Jones and hoe carrots. We took our hoes and weeders from the barn and went to the carrot piece. We started at the foot of a row and worked through to the end. We work rather slowly because we try to do our work well. Hoing and weeding fast does not amount to very much as the weeds are often slighted and soon choke out the young plants. One ought to go slow and take his time in doing things and then he will do them right.

ROBERT J. GIESE.

Furloughs

As there is so much work that must be done every day we cannot all have vacations together as do the students at some private schools; so when school is done and the summer vacation has begun, we begin to go on our furloughs. We go a few each day. Some get a week, some only four or five days or less according to their conduct. In this way some go and others come back on the same day. This plan leaves enough boys here to do the necessary work all the time. No boys are allowed to be away on holidays, as we celebrate here, and the more present the better time we have.

MARTIN L. CALKIN.

The Beacon Chart

In each school-room there is a Beacon chart. They are 28 in. long and 22 in. wide. Whenever a fellow gets an article in the Beacon a star is put beside his name on the chart. At the end of the year there are a number of gold stars on the chart.

I have one star beside my name and I am trying for some more. ALBERT ANDERSON.

Weeding Beets

One morning when I went down to the farm, Mr. Hayden sent another fellow and me with Mr. Dow to the big gardens to weed the beets. We took a hoe and a weeder apiece. First we hoed them and then took our weeders and pulled out the weeds from among the small beets and put a little soil up around them so the sun would not dry up the roots.

RUSSELL A. ADAMS.

Gathering Vegetables

In the morning when I go down to the farm I help another fellow gather vegetables. We take potatoes from the Root Cellar and pick spinach, and sometimes pull up radishes and pick lettuce.

When we get them all together, we pack them in bushel boxes so that they will be easy to carry to the house. When we take them up, we put the potatoes in the west basement and the spinach, lettuce, and radishes in the kitchen.

NORMAN MOSS.

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road. We judge loyalty, as we judge most things, by physical evidence; but it isn't a material thing at all. It is a spiritual quality of head and heart. We don't require that our friends continually prove their friendship by doing things for us, yet the sense of their loyalty is one of our greatest sustaining forces.

The current war has been a stupendous lesson in loyalty. Individuals and nations have forsaken their routines and politics of life for new ideals, Belgium standing bravely against the huge Teutonic avalanche—and delaying its progress; Britain stepping promptly to the side of France to negate the might of militarism; France herself spending her energy and her blood in defence of her national rights; America forsaking unprecedented material prosperity and marshaling her enormous resources to establish the principle of freedom in all the world. Without the support and sacrifice of the average man, these governments would be powerless. It is his loyalty to the finest traditions and ideals of humanity that makes possible great national movements. While these nations have given physical evidence of their faith, the loyalty of the citizens has been the strength behind their action.

It is a fine thing to fight honestly for your ideas when necessary; but it is just as fine to have faith in the best things of life and to hold that faith firmly in all circumstances. No progress is possible without this moral support. Be loyal to your school, and to your company, and to your nation; but remember that true service to any of these institutions depends upon true loyalty to the best impulses to your own soul.

The lesson of loyalty is one of the finest lessons a man can learn. It is one of the absolute facts of every day relations. A fellow either is loyal or he is not. There is no middle

Calendar

June 1. Finished planting six acres of potatoes.

June 2. Planted beets, parsnips, parsley, late lettuce and cucumbers.

June 4. Planted 1 1-4 acres of carrots, and 1-4 acre of squashes.

June 5. A man here to repair clocks. Planted five acres of corn together with soya beans and pumpkins.

June 6. Planted 1-4 acre of late peas. Transplanted 2700 cabbage plants.

Manager Philip S. Sears visited the School.

June 7. Transplanted 2800 cabbage plants.

June 8. Set out 800 asparagus roots.

June 9. William G. Beadle, '12, came down to instruct some of the boys on the clarinet.

June 11. Raymond S. Moses, '16, visited the School over Sunday.

June 13. Cut two acres of hay below playground.

June 14. Graduation exercises on the lawn.

Dance in the evening.

June 15. Cut hay in orchard and around buildings.

June 16. Alfred W. Jacobs, '10, here over Sunday.

First application of Bordeau mixture and arsenate of lead applied to potatoes.

Douglas A. Hunt, '17, went to his aunt in Everett. He will probably go to high school in the fall.

June 17. Motion pictures in the evening.

June 18. Dance in the evening.

Fine weather for the Alumni Field Day, about 125 being present.

June 19. Clifford G. Leonard, '16, went to work for the summer on his brother's farm in Raynham Center and to attend high school this fall.

June 20. Manager T. J. Evans with two friends spent the day at the School.

Motion pictures in the evening.

Dressed a pig weighing 172 lbs.

June 21. Harrowed onion and mangel land.

June 22. Blacksmith here shoeing horses.

Planted 1 1-4 acres of onions and 2 1-2 acres of mangels.

Richmond P. Ingalls, '17, went to live with his uncle at 335 Main Street, South Hingham. He expects to attend high school this fall.

Gustaf G. Larsson, '17, went to live with his father at 227 Norfolk Street, Wollaston. He will go to high school this fall.

June 23. Planted one acre of corn.

Newton H. Hodgson, '17, went to work for the summer at the Crow Point House, Crow Point, Hingham, Mass.

June 24. A concert was given in the evening by the band.

June 25. First swim of the season.

June 26. Planted one acre of beans.

Transplanted 1700 cauliflower plants.

June 27. Second Friends' Day, 122 present.

Mowed five acres of clover and alfalfa.

June 29. Six boys went to the dentist's.

William T. Dougan, '17, went to work for the summer in Newark, N. J. Address: 270 Highland Avenue. He expects to go to high school this fall.

June 30. Manager I. Tucker Burr visited the School.

Elmer E. Moore, '16, went to work on a farm in Bellingham, Mass.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand June 1, 1917	\$1,271.76
Deposited during the month	\$342.03
	\$1,613.79
Withdrawn during the month	484.32
Cash on hand July 1, 1917	1,129.47

June Meteorology

Maximum temperature 83° on the 20th.

Minimum temperature 49° on the 12th.

Mean temperature for the month 64.07°

Total precipitation 3.44 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, 1.57 inches on the 16th.

6 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 7 clear days, 18 partly cloudy, 5 cloudy days.

Total number of hours' sunshine, 130 and 22 minutes.

Annual Field Day

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Bryant, Frank G.

Miss Beatrice B. Bryant

Miss Helen Cushing

Buchan, George and Mrs.

Miss Pauline Buchan

Chester W. Buchan

Harold B. Buchan

Capaul, Edward and Mrs.

Miss Myrtle J. Capaul

Casey, George W.

Catton, Ernest M.

Mr. C. B. Davol

Cowden, Lester E.

Miss Alice Hardy

Duncan, Charles and Mrs.

Miss Barbara Duncan

Ellis, Merton P. and Mrs.

Howard B. Ellis, Jr.

Ellison, Royal R.

Evans, Thomas J.

Favier, Ernest B.

Miss Alice Favier

Eliot M. Favier and Mrs.

Fearing, Arthur D. and Mrs.

Fearing, Fred P.

Miss A. K. Fearing

Foster, Walter B. and Mrs.

Graham, James H. and Mrs.

A. Farley Brewer

Gregory, James R. and Mrs.

Gunning, Franklin E.

Hartmann, George K.

Haskins, Douglas A.

Mrs. M. D. Haskins

Miss Esther Haskins

Miss Ruth Haskins

Hefler, Alden B.

Alden R. Hefler

Holman, Solomon B.

Hughes, H. Champney and Mrs.

Miss Dorothy Hughes

Hughes, William N.

Jacobs, Alfred W.

Kirwin, Walter J.

Leach, Hubert N.

Miss L. G. Leach

Loud, Clarence W. and Mrs.

Miss Edith Loud

Miss Ruth Loud

Clarence W. Loud, Jr.

Malm, Alfred C. and Mrs.

Miss Elizabeth A. Malm

McKay, Robert

Milne, Thomas

Miss C. Sullivan

Morrison, William P.

Mrs. H. C. McBride

Miss Evelyn McBride

Murphy, Benjamin L.

Nichols, Charles E.

Miss N. Granger

Norwood, Walter D. and Mrs.

Miss Marjorie Norwood

Pendergast, Joseph L.

Miss M. E. Peterson

Perry, Willard H. and Mrs.

Miss Wilma E. Perry

Piercy, Frederick W. and Mrs.

Miss Ethel Piercy

Russell Piercy

Porchi, Evariste T.

Mrs. Elsie Porchi

Rolfe, Charles O.

Rowell, Eliot and Mrs.

Harold Whittimore

Sargent, John M. and Mrs.

Sherman, John L.

Smith, Charles A.

Tassinari, Walter I.

West, Elbert L.

Whittimore, Ralph A.

In The Service

WALTER B. FOSTER, '63, June 6, 1917, 10th Company, Mass. State Guard.

HOWARD B. ELLIS, '99, Bugler in Home Guard, Dorchester, Mass.

MERTON P. ELLIS, '99, Instructor in the Dorchester Military Training School.

HENRY F. MCKENZIE, '99, May, 1917, Fort Adams, Newport, R. I.

CHARLES HILL, '02, May, 1917, Fort Adams, Newport, R. I.

WARREN HOLMES, '03, May, 1917, Fort Banks, Winthrop, Mass.

STEPHEN G. STACKPOLE, '04, May, 1917, 13th Division Plattsburg Training Camp, Plattsburg, New York.

HERBERT F. WATSON, '08, May 30, 1917, radio operator, U. S. S. Virginia, Navy Yard, Charlestown, Mass.

FREDERICK J. WILSON, '09, Feb. 8, 1916, American Ambulance Corp, 21 Rue Raymond, Paris, France.

EDWARD M. BICKFORD, '10, June, 1917, Co. M, 8th Mass. Infantry.

HAROLD W. EDWARDS, '10, July 2, 1917, Seaman, 2nd Class, Navy, Boston, Mass.

WALTER S. HALL, '10, June 18, 1917, Drilling for Cavalry, Battery A, Boston, Mass.

GEORGE M. HOLMES, '10, June 1, 1917, Canadian Regiment, 9 Wellington Road, Wimbledon Park, London, S. W. 19.

HAROLD Y. JACOBS, '10, June 18, 1917, Band, Cornet, U. S. S. Richmond, Norfolk, Virginia.

CECIL E. MCKEOWN, '11, July 1917, Navy

CLARENCE BURTON, '12, June, 1917, 6th Regiment Lowell Machine Gun Co.

THOMAS MILNE, '12, June, 1917, 2nd Mass. Field Hospital, National Guard.

EDMUND S. BEMIS, '13, May 10, Co. K, 8th Mass. National Guard, Lynnfield, Mass.

ALFRED H. CASEY, '13, June, 1917, Band, U. S. S. Georgia, Navy Yard, Charlestown.

WALTER R. HORSMAN, '13, Summer 1916, Fort Strong, Boston Harbor, Mass.

GEORGE R. JORDAN, '13, July, 1917, Fort Slocum, New Rochelle, N. Y.

DEXTER L. NOBLE, '13, Fort Slocum, New Rochelle, N. Y.

LESLIE H. BARKER, '14, June 6, 1917, Coast Guard, carpenter.

PERRY COOMBS, '14, wounded August 9, 1916. At first a prisoner at Dulham, Germany, and now at Camp Munster i Westf., care of Chief Postal Censor, Strand House, Portugal Street, London, W. C., England.

FRANKLIN E. GUNNING, '14, Troop B., 1st Separate Squad, Mass. Cavalry, N. G.

RALPH G. HADLEY, '14, July, 1917, U. S. S. Delaware, care of Postmaster, New York.

CARL D. P. HYNES, '14, May, 1917, Fort Adams, Newport, R. I.

CHARLES R. JEFFERSON, '14, 1st Class private, Co. C, 5th Regiment, Newton, Mass.

LLEWELYN H. LEWIS, '14, June 6, 1917, Bugler, Naval Coast Defense.

EVERETT W. MAYNARD, '14, drummer, Navy, U. S. S. Oklahoma.

RAYMOND H. BATCHELDER, '15, June, 1917, Arsenal, Springfield, Mass.

FRED J. MANDEVILLE, '15, May 28, 1917, Co. M, 34th Infantry, Fort Bliss, Elpaso, Texas.

ERNEST V. WYATT, '15, June 1, 1917, Training Ship Ranger, division officer, ward-room, U. S. S. Ranger, care of Boston Postmaster.

FOREST L. CHURCHILL, '16, May 28, 1917, 45th Infantry Band, trombone, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Dorchester

JAMES H. GRAHAM '71, Vice-President
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Dorchester

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25 Rockdale Street, Mattapan

RICHARD BELL, '73, Treasurer
Dorchester

WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84, Historian
Everett

Annual Field Day

Glorious June weather favored the annual field day of the Alumni Association on Monday, June 18, and in every respect the occasion was one of the best in the history of the association. It was a jolly and joyous company of members and their families which assembled at City Point at 9:30, and were transported across the bay on a special boat. The company numbered 121. At the Wharf at Thompson's Island as the steamer approached were Mr. Bradley and the band, with a welcome both cordial and musical. The line was formed at once and all proceeded to the playground north of the flagstaff where in the open air the brief formal exercises were held.

President Hughes called the members to order. Richard Bell, '73, treasurer, in behalf of the alumni fund committee, presented Mr. Bradley with a check for \$300 to be applied to the alumni fund. Subsequently a check for \$25 was presented to Mr. Bradley to be used at his discretion for the benefit of the boys. Later still, when "Jim" Graham, '89, had passed the hat around a further sum of \$84.30 was presented to Mr. Bradley, in behalf of the company present, for the general purposes of the School. For the first time in many years the presence of Howard B. Ellis, '98, leader of the band, was absent from a field day, on account of a serious accident a few days before. A vote of sympathy was adopted to be sent to him. Also it was voted to send a message of sympathy to Herbert W. French, '78, former treasurer, on account of the illness of Mrs. French. Mr. Bradley spoke briefly of the progress of the work at the School, calling attention particularly to the Main Building of the School, which since the last field day had received a wonderful transformation in the removal of the peagreen paint from

the exterior, leaving a clean almost mahogany-brown brick.

Lunch, bounteous and exquisite, was served in the boys' dining-room, athletic contests for the undergraduates on the playground, a baseball game between married and single men of the alumni, a band concert, and piano music for singing, filled up the remainder of the day, while many with a longing to see distant parts of the beloved Island, tramped the roads and beaches to their hearts' content, or explored fields and groves, or inspected house and barn and shops. The return to the city was made at 6:00 o'clock.

List of those present, the graduate's name appearing first, those coming with him following:

Alcott, William

Miss Louise Alcott

Roger Alcott

Allen, Eldred W.

Allen, Ivers R.

Babcock, Lorin L.

Barker, Leslie H.

Barton, Frederick J.

Bell, George L. and Mrs.

Miss Helen Liston

Bell, Richard

Bemis, Edmund S.

Bemis, Elwin C.

Bickford, Edward M. and Mrs.

Mrs. S. E. Bickford (Mother)

Brasher, Sherman G.

Mrs. I. M. Bennett

Mrs. C. L. Murch

Brenton, Harold E.

Bridgham, George E. and Mrs.

Robert C. Bridgham

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Fourth of July

It was early in the morning, a few were awake but most of us were sleeping soundly, when at 4:45 the stirring notes of Reveille brought us from our slumbers with a start. Yawns were quite numerous but when it dawned upon us that it was Independence Day we were fully awake.

It was a quiet glorious morning. We could be seen in little groups, some talking about the war and a few of the older boys talking about the celebrations of the past few years. We felt just as patriotic as if we had been shooting off fire crackers.

As we watched the flag mount to the top of the flag pole, a new feeling crept over us. The flag, the day, and the thought of what we were celebrating, sent a thrill through us, a feeling of awe and respect for our Country; the one Country that we will all fight for if we get the chance.

At 6:30 we went to breakfast. After breakfast the usual routine of necessary work was done, and 8:00 o'clock found us in Chapel giving vent to our patriotic feeling with selected readings and the singing of patriotic songs. Mr. Bradley talked to us about the great European struggle and read us the happenings in brief of the past week.

The exercises were closed fittingly as we all put our heart and soul into the singing of America. After the exercises were over, we repaired to the Wharf and gave our attention to the programme which was as follows:

PROGRAMME

MORNING

4:12 Flag Raising

REVEILLE

6:30 BREAKFAST
8:00 Patriotic Exercises
9:30 Aquatic Sports by the Landing

High Tide 10.54

Diving
Swimming, under 15
Swimming, over 15
Swimming on back
Swimming under water
Chasing the Ball
Pushing the Barrel
Walking the Greased Spar
All swim

11:30 DINNER

AFTERNOON

2:00 Sports and Races on the Playground
Cross Country Run
Obstacle Race
Sack Race
Crab Race
Shoe Race
Snake Race
Pony Express
Barrel Duel

3:30 Races on Beach Road
100-Yard Dash, over 15
100-Yard Dash, under 15
220-Yard Dash
Wheelbarrow Race, over 15
Wheelbarrow Race, under 15
Relay Race
Three-Legged Race
Tug of War

5:30 SUPPER

EVENING

7:27 Retreat
8:00 Motion Pictures
9:30 Taps

Just before the races on the playground, we lined up by the store-room while Mr. Bradley gave us each a horn and a bag of Dr. Bancroft's fresh roasted double jointed California peanuts. A rousing cheer went up for Dr. Bancroft. We do not believe we could celebrate the Fourth without him.

At 9:30, after watching a very interesting programme of motion pictures, we all went to bed feeling that we had shown our patriotism and enthusiasm without the usual banging of the cannon crackers. All felt grateful to those who made it possible for us to celebrate and enjoy ourselves.

JAMES A. CARSON.

Making Coffee Jelly

One morning, I was told by the kitchen instructor to make some coffee jelly. First I boiled two quarts of coffee. Then I got two envelopes of gelatine. I emptied the gelatine into a bowl and added 1-2 a cup of cold water. Next I added 1 and 1-2 cups of sugar and last of all put in 6 cups of coffee. I then strained the coffee jelly and put it in the ice chest to get cold.

I liked this work very much and hope I can do it again.

ROBERT J. GIESE.

Cottage Row Election

The first Tuesday of the months of January, April, July and October, the officers of Cottage Row are elected. The officers for the term beginning July 2 are as follows:—Judge, George B. McLeod; Mayor, Joseph Kervin; Treasurer, Roscoe Baird; Assessor, Everett B. Leland; Share-Holding Aldermen, Wesley C. Angell, Richard H. Hall, George R. Riggs; Non-Share Holding Aldermen, Elbert K. Linsley, Frank E. Woodman; Chief of Police, Ellsworth S. Wilkins; Lieut., William B. Cross; Sergt. Herbert L. Dudley; Patrolmen, Robert E. Dudley, John A. Robertson, Ernest Craig; Clerk, Clarence E. Slinger; Janitor, Russell A. Adams; Street Commissioner, Herbert Antell; Librarian, John E. Kervin.

These officers are sworn in by Mr. Bradley who is Judge of our Supreme Court.

LAWRENCE E. WALTERS.

Whitey

Whitey is the name of a large monkey which we have. In the winter the monkey is kept in the Poultry House in a small cage.

When the hot weather comes Whitey is put out in a large cage between the Main Building and Gardner Hall. Some of the fellows like to give her different things to eat such as bugs. On Friends' Days she is fed peanuts, candy, cookies, etc. Sometimes she gets out of her cage and goes to the Poultry House; but she is caught the next morning. I think that if she were let go for about a week one might find a lot of feathers and bones around the Poultry House.

WILLIAM L. HARRIS.

My Garden

Every Spring, a fellow has the chance to have a flower garden if he wishes one. There are 90 variously shaped gardens in all. Each year 25 dollars is given to the 10 fellows who have taken the best care of their gardens and have had good results.

I have a garden which I like. In each of the four corners I have a plant. In one is a firebush, another contains violets, another geranium plants, and in the remaining corner are some lilies. For the border I have some zinnias and chinese pinks. Asters and pinks make up the center.

I like to work in my garden and I hope I may be one of the 10 fellows to get a prize.

JOHN E. KERVIN.

Swimming

Every day, at the best tide in our play hours the boys assemble for a swim. We march down to the Wharf and at the sound of Mr. Brown's whistle we undress. When everybody is ready another whistle is blown to go in swimming.

We usually dive off the float. Sometimes it is too low tide, so Mr. Brown lets the fellows dive off the southside float. We like swimming very much and stay in as long as possible.

GLENN R. FURBUSH.

The Boat Crew

Here at the School we have a boat crew which often makes trips to City Point for passengers. There are 25 members in the crew, the highest position is that of senior captain, next in order of rank comes junior captain, first lieutenant and second lieutenant. The lowest number is 25. He in time may be senior captain after all the fellows who are ahead of him have been in that position and have gone away.

At the present time some of the fellows have left and others have been put in their places. Each boy who enters the crew must know how to swim. The crew is as follows:

- | | | |
|----|----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Herbert L. Dudley | Senior Capt. |
| 2 | John A. Robertson | Junior Capt. |
| 3 | William B. Cross | 1st Lieut. |
| 4 | Walter L. Cole | 2nd Lieut. |
| 5 | Ellsworth S. Wilkins | |
| 6 | Robert E. Dudley | |
| 7 | Howard F. Lochrie | |
| 8 | Carl H. Collins | |
| 9 | Robert H. Peterson | |
| 10 | Kenneth A. Bemis | |
| 11 | George B. McLeod | |
| 12 | LeRoy A. Parsons | |
| 13 | John L. Slinger | |
| 14 | Rupert F. Calkin | |
| 15 | Leslie E. Russell | |
| 16 | Donald S. MacPherson | |
| 17 | George C. Adams | |
| 18 | Charles F. Weymouth | |
| 19 | Lawrence E. Walters | |
| 20 | Joseph Kervin | |
| 21 | Rollins A. Furbush | |
| 22 | Weston S. Gould | |
| 23 | Warren M. Noyes | |
| 24 | David B. LeBrun | |
| 25 | Herman L. Lindsay | |

EVERETT B. LELAND.

Making Cement Posts

One day I helped Mr. Moore make the cement posts used along the new driveway.

We went down in back of the Power House. I got some cement, sand and stones.

I mixed these in water until the sand and cement could not be seen. Then I put the mixture into frames 3 ft. high and 10 in. square.

When these frames were full we let the water drip out. They stood for two or three days until they were dry. We then took them out and put wet cement on them to make the posts smooth. When they were all well dried, we took them out to the front of the Main Building and put them at the corners of the driveway.

FRED H. FLEET.

Pushing out the Swimming Float

One night, after supper, Mr. Brown told the fellows to line up. We marched by twos down to the grass in front of the water. When we got undressed, we marched over to the swimming float which was in front of the Boat House. All the fellows that did not go in for a swim got rollers that were behind the Storage Barn.

When some planks were secured, two fellows, one on each side, pried the front of the float up while two other fellows put rollers underneath. Then we pushed it into the water. We were glad to have the float out. We swam around for a while and then the signal whistle blew which means all out. We got dressed and went to bed thinking of the nice time we had.

NICHOLAS M. SUAREZ, JR.

Economy

One of the objects of this School is to teach economy. All the waste paper and rags and iron are saved. The paper is baled and sold. The rags are also baled, and are sold for a higher price than paper. The old iron is sold as junk.

In eating we have all we want and yet waste nothing. The garbage is carefully saved and given to the pigs; the salt hay that grows on the beach is cut and saved; the seaweed is dried and used as bedding; the drift wood is saved and will later be burned. This saving will help us greatly later on.

FRANKLIN P. MILLER.

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Patriotism is the finest opportunity of manhood. It provides the widest field for the exercise of courage, it permits the most spontaneous support of principle, it requires the most generous loyalty. No man of little instincts can be a

patriot. It is for the great souls, those above egotism.

In the hearts of our young men to-day lies the restless question of patriotic duty. Abstractions of right and wrong have become concrete in large issues requiring immediate decision. The young men should be assured that the things which they have been taught are true. Right cannot be argued; justice is not open to compromise; honor is vital; conscience must rule over expediency. President Wilson has said that for the Nation "the right is more precious than peace," and for the individual, "right is more precious than life."

Yet it is as important that men should live for the Nation as that they should die for it. Not all may give "the last full measure of devotion," but all may support righteousness according to their several stations and talents. For America there can be but one supreme leader, but there are a hundred millions whose sincere support he needs. If a man does his duty it makes no difference what that duty may be—whether it is sitting at a desk, or sailing a ship, or fighting in a trench; for the whole of character consists in doing one's simple duty honestly and unselfishly.

Emerson says that "men of character are the conscience of the society to which they belong." So every man contains within himself a measure of the destiny of the Nation, for individual rectitude is the root of national character, and patriotism is its finest flower.

Calendar

July 1. Sunday. The entire school went for a ride using the steamer, launch and row boats.

July 3. Moved the "Mary Chilton" Boat House from the Old Wharf to the beach north of the Wharf.

July 6. George H. Richards, '77, and Mrs. Richards spent the day at the school.

July 12. 59 of the boys and a group of instructors were given the pleasure of seeing Caliban.

July 13. Eight boys went to the dentist.

July 16. Sprayed potatoes with Bordeaux mixture.

July 19. An Admission Committee Meeting. Eighteen new boys were admitted on trial. Donald B. Akerstrom, Carl R. F. Atkinson, John N. Burns, Osmond W. Bursiel, Leon I. Fisher, John Goodhue, Jr., Alexis L. Guillemin, Jean Guillemin, Theodore B. Hadley, Philip M. Landry, Ralph L. Langille, William H. Moore, 2nd., Lawrence A. Murphy, Frederick E. Munich, Robert E. Nichols, Alfred A. Pickles, Eric O. Schippers, John H. Schippers.

July 20. Sprayed potatoes with Bordeaux mixture.

July 21. Finished spraying potatoes with Bordeaux mixture.

July 22. Barge ride for the entire school. The band furnished music.

July 24. Sowed 1 1-2 acres of millet.

July 25. Started a hay stack by Whales-back.

July 26. Dressed a 168 pound pig.

Six boys went to the dentists.

July 27. Third Friends' Day of the season. 153 visitors arrived on the Mayflower returned on the Betty Alden.

W. C. Cummings, '98, visited the school.

Heavy shower, gullied the avenues.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand July 1, 1917	\$1,129.47
Deposited during the month	\$116.88
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	\$1,246.35
Withdrawn during the month	28.10
Cash on hand August 1, 1917	\$1,218.25

July Meteorology

Maximum temperature 98° on the 22nd, 26th and 27th.

Minimum temperature 52° on the 14th.

Mean temperature for the month 60.62°.

Total precipitation .91 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, .45 inches on the 27th.

4 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 7 clear days, 20 partly cloudy, 4 cloudy days.

Total number of hours' sunshine, 122 and 20 minutes.

What I saw of the War

While I was in France we used to see the soldiers and the artillery going to the front. After shooting off about 200 bombs the cannons are no longer good and the soldiers come back again for more.

One day, I went to the hospital at Chairmont to see my sick uncle. Each soldier in the hospital has a little room and two nurses. There are five or six doctors in the hospital. Every morning and afternoon they visit the soldiers. My uncle has spent about two months in the trenches and because of lack of food and dampness he became very sick.

At Chairmont we could hear the cannons all the time, both night and day. It sounded very loud but we got used to the noise and used to sleep. Often times we saw prisoners of war taken through Chairmont on the trains.

JEAN GUILLEMIN.

Picking Swiss Chard

One afternoon, I was sent with another boy down to the farm to pick swiss chard.

The other boy showed me how to pick it. First I took a knife and looked for the largest heads of swiss chard. I cut them off close to the ground. When I was putting the leaves into the box I laid them in rows. As soon as one box was full, I got another one, the other boy helped me. In about half an hour we took the chard to the house to get it ready for our dinner.

DAVID B. LEBRUN.

Promotions

On Monday, June 16, after grade reading, Mr. Bradley announced the classes. Some of the boys had successfully completed their school course and were promoted. Others were not so fortunate and so had to spend another year in the class they were in last year. There were a few fellows who were given the opportunity to try the next higher class for a month. If they made good they could stay, and if not they would have to repeat the previous year.

Promoted from the second class to the first class:—

Leslie M. Calkin	Franklin P. Miller
Rupert F. Calkin	William H. Moore, 2nd
Gordon H. Cameron	Lawrence A. Murphy
Rollins A. Furbush	LeRoy A. Parsons
Joseph T. Gould	George R. Riggs
Weston S. Gould	Lawrence E. Walters
Frederick V. Heald	Frank E. Woodman

Promoted from the third class to the second class:—

Russell A. Adams	Ralph L. Langille
Donald B. Akerstrom	David B. LeBrun
Herbert Antell	Everett B. Leland
Wallace A. Bacon	Walter Lind
Roscoe Baird	Herman L. Lindsay
Osmond W. Bursiel	Henry C. Lowell
Malcolm E. Cameron	Gordon S. Martin
Louis R. Croxtall	Norman Moss
Leon I. Fisher	Frederick E. Munich
Glenn R. Furbush	Warren F. Noyes
Joseph Kervin	Nicholas M. Suarez, Jr.
Heman A. Landers	Charles F. Weymouth

Promoted from the fourth class to the third class:—

Albert Anderson	Richard H. Hall
Carl F. Benway	William L. Harris
James A. Carson	John E. Kervin
Robert L. Clark	William H. MacDonald
Harold S. Curtis	Walter W. F. Mann
Leslie D. Eggleston	Alfred A. Pickles
Norman F. Farmer	Arthur J. Shaefer
Robert J. Giese	Eric O. Shippers
Alexis L. Guillemin	Daniel E. Smith
George W. Vincent	

Fourth class:—

Desmond Anderson	Jean Guillemin
Carl R. F. Atkinson	Theodore B. Hadley
John N. Burns	Luke W. B. Halfyard
Elwood S. Chase	Philip M. Landry
Fred H. Fleet	George J. Lennon
Arthur W. Gaunt	Robert E. Nichols
John Goodhue, Jr.	Thomas R. Roberts
Harry W. Gould	John H. Schippers
	ROLLINS A. FURBUSH

Caliban

On Thursday evening, July 12, all the instructors and fellows were, through the courtesy of Manager Hallowell, invited to go to Caliban. The play was given by volunteers from all parts Boston for the benefit of the Red Cross.

We left the Island at 7:00 o'clock in the Steamer Pilgrim, the Mary Chilton, and a power boat of the U. S. Coast Guard. A special car awaited us at City Point and we marched up and boarded it for the Harvard Stadium where the play was held. Just as we arrived, the Harvard Regiment was giving an exhibition drill. After they had finished, their band played a few pieces before the play began.

Caliban is taken principally from different parts of Shakespeare's plays, the main characters being taken from "The Tempest." When the scenery had to be changed, a screen of steam, played upon by red and green lights was used. It was an unusual and very pretty sight.

We all enjoyed the evening and thank Mr. Hallowell very much and also the others who made it possible for us to go.

GORDON H. CAMERON.

Raking Hay

On Thursday, July 6, I used a horse rake for the first time.

The rake I used was a hand dumper and at first it was rather hard to operate as I had to drive with one hand and dump with the other. Soon I could manipulate it without any difficulty.

The piece I raked was Cemetery Hill at the South End of the Island. I like this work very much and Mr. Hayden gives me this job quite often.

RUPERT F. CALKIN.

Picking Peas

One afternoon, Mr. Brown told another boy and me to pick peas. We got a bushel basket and two small ones and went over to the patch near the peach orchard. In all we picked about a bushel and took them up to the kitchen.

HAROLD S. CURTIS.

Farm Work

One afternoon, I went down to the barn in the farm line. We lined up and Mr. Hayden told four of us to get weeders and hoes and go with Mr. Dow. We went by the Farm House to a patch, half of which was planted to parsnips and half to onions. We started at one end and each fellow took a row to weed. As it happened I was next to Malcolm Cameron, so to make the time go quickly I said I would race him to see who would get to the end of the row first. We each did two rows. At first it looked as if it would be a tie but when I was almost through I struck a lot of weeds so he beat me by about a foot. After we had finished another row it was time to stop.

JOSEPH T. GOULD.

Printing the Beacon

The most important job done in the printing office is the publishing of our School paper, the Beacon. This paper is made up of eight pages. The material that is printed in the paper is the work of the boys here. Every Friday in school every fellow writes an article on some work or pleasure he has had. These articles go from the school-room to the office where the best ones are selected to be published in the paper. They are next sent out to the printing office where the printing office boys set them up. When a stick full is set up it is put on a galley; when the galleys are full they are corrected and a proof is sent up to the office where other corrections are made. When all the corrections are made the type is made up into pages. We generally make up pages one, eight, five, and four first. The reason for this is, if the article is too long it has to run over on to the next page. If we know how much it is to run over we can go ahead

and page up the other four pages. The first four pages, one, eight, five, and four are then locked up in a steel chase and the pressman takes an impression. If some parts do not show up well more impression is put under the places that do not show up. The galleys are then put on the tympan sheet so as to have the impression in the center of the sheet of paper. Then another impression is sent to the office, and if it is "O. K." we go ahead and print the first four pages. We print 1500 sheets; after this the other four pages are printed on the other side of the sheet in the same manner. When the ink is dry, these are folded in book form and stitched and trimmed. These are then sent to the office where they are wrapped and mailed.

It takes about four hours to print one form of the "Beacon" and with all of the fellows it takes four hours to fold, stitch, and trim them.

This paper is printed monthly.

LEROY A. PARSONS.

Bugle Calls

The boys that play the cornets in the band are taught to play the bugle calls. When they have practised for a while the best players are picked out to play them.

The calls are as follows: At 5:45 a. m. "Reveille" is played. A hymn takes its place on Sunday mornings. Five minutes before meals, "Mess" is played, and at meal time or any time the boys are wanted to line up, "Assembly" is played. At bed time "Taps" is played in the East Dormitory. "To the colors", is played as the flag is raised, and "Retreat," as it is lowered. "Church call" is played for Chapel on Sundays.

HERMAN L. LINDSAY.

Monday Nights

Usually, on Monday nights, we go to the assembly hall for grade reading and lectures. Mr. Bradley first reads the grade and then reads us war news or announces visiting days, entertainments, etc. In the winter after grade reading Mr. Hayden talks to us on agriculture. We take notes in note books. We study these notes so we will be able to pass an agriculture test at the end of the term.

MARTIN L. CALKIN.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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In The Service

BRUCE L. PAUL, '07, has joined the Naval Reserves and is on the U. S. S. Kearse, Care of N. Y. Postmaster.

THEODORE MILLER, '09, Pharmacists Mate, 3rd, Newport, R. I., Care of Medical Dept.

HERBERT H. KENNEY, '10 is a bugler in Co. B, 8th Mass. Regiment.

JOHN O. ENRIGHT, '12, is first class machinist on the torpedo boat destroyer U. S. S. Drayton. At present he is on the other side and is in good health according to his last letter to his father.

ALFRED H. CASEY, '13, is playing first cornet in the band on the U. S. S. Georgia, Care of New York Postmaster.

ROBERT CASEY, '13, is in the navy and is stationed at present at the Commonwealth Pier, Boston.

WALTER R. HORSMAN, '13, has been transferred to Battery C. 6th Providence Regiment, Fort Adams, R. I.

EARLE C. MILLER, '14, is in Co. I, 9th Regiment.

LESTER E. COWDEN, '16, has enlisted as bugler of the aviation corps in the army and is leaving soon for Fort Slocum, N. Y.

Stamp Collections

Some of the boys here are trying to get all kinds of different stamps. We get our stamp books from the Trading Company. Some boys have had theirs a couple of years. When they stop saving stamps they give them away or get other things for the collection. So the books keep circulating among the boys.

There are two different kinds of books. There are the small green books which do not hold as many stamps as the large red ones.

I have a stamp collection with another boy. We have about 239 stamps in our collection. Sometimes boys save stamps until they graduate and go away. GEORGE W. VINCENT.

Cleaning the Beach

One day, Mr. Bradley divided the boys into eight squads. Each squad had a leader who took charge of the work assigned to do. I went with William Cross. Our duty was to

go around the South End, pick up all the tin cans, empty out the water and throw them up on the beach out of reach of the tide. We went at this work very thoroughly so as to prevent the extensive breeding of mosquitoes and incidentally to clean the beach. FREDERICK V. HEALD.

My Work in the Morning

Every morning after breakfast we line up in the assembly room. When we are dismissed I go up to the school-room. As soon as I get up there I open the windows and then sweep the floor.

I sweep the dirt in a pile and put it in the waste basket. I then take up the erasers and dust the chalk trays. The dirt is taken behind the Power House and put into barrels. I dust the teacher's desk and the boys' desks, sharpen the pencils and scrub the hall.

CARL R. F. ATKINSON.



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A Barge Ride

Sunday afternoon, August 19, the weather made the day a very good one for a barge ride. So about half of the boat crew boys were sent to bring the scow alongside the steamer and put the life preservers aboard and get things in order for a barge ride. About 3:00 o'clock the instructors and boys boarded the steamer and barge, the smallest boys being in the front with the band next, then came the instructors, and the remaining boys were about the edge of the barge and on the steamer. I am sure that we made a good appearance, with our cadet suits and our band instruments glistening in the sun, as we swung out from the breakwater and headed for the main ship channel about two miles from our Island. Passing through this we entered the inner harbor where we went in and out among the different boats that were at anchor. On the sterns of all the ocean liners we saw large guns to protect them from submarine attacks while at sea.

During the afternoon we passed the police boat "Guardian" which we saluted and in return received a salute from her.

As we passed by the various boats the boys' band played. The sailors and soldiers seemed very much pleased with the music for they clapped and waved and some even called for more music. We passed on up by the East Boston docks and saw the different liners that were lying there. Further up we saw a few of the German boats which had been seized by the United States and had been painted the war gray. We finally came to the Navy Yard. Here we saw more German boats being repaired

and made ready for service. Among these was the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, the largest boat that has ever entered Boston harbor. After passing by these boats we came to our own warships. The band played America, the Marseillaise and other patriotic pieces. We saw here submarines lying alongside of the mother ship, a monitor, torpedo boat destroyers, battleships and other types of war boats. We steamed by the Eastern Steam Ship docks and started back down the harbor. On the way ferries from East Boston and the Narrow Gauge Railroad along with the Nantasket boats gave us a nice swell which rocked us as if we were a shell.

We passed the Fish Pier and Commonwealth Pier where the naval reserves are stationed and the new dry dock which is being built in South Boston. Just as we were passing between Castle Island and Governor's Island, a coast patrol boat passed up with a few undesirable boats in tow. They were on their way to Commonwealth Pier. We passed by a French boat on its way to the inner harbor. It had a gun on its stern and the boat was painted the way the French disguise their boats. It was clouded a gray and yellow color. The boat looked as if it was covered with foam. We then rounded Castle Island and headed for City Point. A boat was sent ashore from the barge and until its return the steamer and barge went in and about the boats at City Point. We were then headed for our Island.

This Sunday barge ride was one of the most interesting and instructive rides we have ever had. Mr. Bradley made the ride very interesting for he told us about the different boats and

things we saw. He also told us a lot of war news which we were all glad to hear. We all wish to thank Mr. Bradley for the instructing barge ride and hope we will have others just as interesting as that one.

LEROY A. PARSONS.

Cleaning up the Storage Barn

One morning it was rainy so we could not go out doors and weed on the farm. So three other boys and myself went down to the Storage Barn. First another boy and I cleaned up the place where the bales of paper are kept. We put all the bales in a pile. Then we straightened up some barrels and put back some bags. Then the others helped us put some bags of cloth in there. A boy went up to the Stock Barn to get some brooms to sweep up the floor. I put some wire away, and took a broom and swept the floor. Then I went down stairs and swept the floor and straightened up some barrels and moved some carts. Then I swept off a hay-rack. I helped to put some barrels up on the highest scaffold, and straightened some sawhorses and put some planks in place.

Then I swept the other side of the barn and took some barrel staves out to the woodpile. After this was done, I swept some dirt into a basket while another boy took it and put it in a barrel. After that was done I swept the rest out doors.

Then Mr. Dow told us to go up to the Stock Barn. We like this work very much and hope that we can have it again some time.

GEORGE W. VINCENT.

My Work on the Avenue

Lately we have had some bad weather. The rain had made some very deep ruts in the Front Avenue so Mr. Brown sent me to fill some of them in. The first thing I did was to get some ashes. I put them in the ruts and tamped them down. After this was done, I got a rake and raked the avenue the best I could. The rain did many other damages. I do not like to see things estroyed.

ALEXIS L. GUILLEMIN.

A Star Contest

In the Sewing Room there is a star chart; we get stars for work that we do well. There are four Sewing Room bcys, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. One fellow was in the Sewing Room last year and has about all the stars he can get. I have eight stars, one for each of the following: backstitching, washing out dusters, winding bandages, measuring and mating stockings, preparing for darning, overcasting, hemming, and sewing on buttons.

The other morning boy has seven stars, one less than I have, that is, he has not received one for washing out dusters. The boy in the afternoon has six stars, one for each of the following: running; basting, measuring and mating stockings, winding bandages, preparing for darning, and hemming.

I like to work in the Sewing Room.

ROBERT L. CLARK.

In the Morning

Every morning I go out on the front lawn and pick up leaves, twigs, stones, etc., that make the lawn look untidy. I take these and dump them over the dike.

There are quite a few settees on the lawn. My work is to wash them every morning. I like this work because it makes the lawn look neat.

ROBERT E. NICHOLS.

The Trial

On the night of the seventh of August there was a trial. Several boys had been arrested by the Cottage Row Police for playing marbles on Sunday, for being on the gymnasium apparatus and for flying kites. First the benches were put around the elm. Then all the boys sat down and the judge sat at a table in the middle. The Chief of Police was called out to keep order. Then the clerk read the warrants and the prisoners came forward. Some were fined 20, some 25, and some 35 cents.

Then the judge said the trial was over and the boys went to bed, while the prisoners went up to the reading room to make out their checks.

OSMOND W. BURSIEL.

Sorting Screws

One morning Mr. Brown told me to go down to the Power House and work for Mr. Alexander. When I got there Mr. Alexander was ready for me. He put a big box full of screws on a bench and told me to sort them out according to size. I had to see that all the heads of the screws were the same size and that they were all the same length. After I had a lot of the same size I put them back in the box.

THEODORE B. HADLEY.

Hill Dill

One of the games the fellows play is hill dill. We have two goals; usually when we play at night the concrete walk is one goal and a line about two feet from the gardens is the other. The last one to join the game is "it." When every boy is ready we all charge. The first fellow caught has to help the other fellow and so on until we are all caught or there is no balance or nobody on one of the goals. The first one that is caught has to be "it." We usually play this game nights when we are waiting for it to get dark before movies. This is a good game and very good foot-ball practise.

NICHOLAS M. SUAREZ, JR.

Library Books

The boys' library is in the assembly hall. It contains about one thousand books which the boys are privileged to take out.

When a boy wishes to take a book from the library, he is asked to put his library card in the library box with the number of the book he wishes. In the library box it says "idle" and "wanted." When a boy wants a book, he puts his card in the space where it says "wanted." When a boy does not want a book he puts his card in the space that says "idle." At 9:00 o'clock Sunday morning the librarian has to get all the cards and bring them to Miss Abrams. Later in the morning the books are put on the top shelf of the boys' book cupboard, with the library card in his book. If a boy has a book out of the library and he loses his book, he is responsible and has to pay for it.

WALTER LIND.

Flying a Kite

One morning I wanted something to do. So I started to make a kite.

First I took two straight sticks about a foot and a half long. I made a cross, and then I put on paper. After I had all that done, I put on the tail. I got some string about 50 yards long. I went up to the playground and put the kite up. It went up about 15 feet and came down and broke. I made another one that was better. It did not have enough tail on it so I put some on.

WALTER W. F. MANN.

Ratting

On Monday night, Aug. 13, we were told that we could go after rats whenever we wanted to after asking the instructor in charge.

That night I asked to go ratting. First I got my rat traps, the dog and a light and I went to the Stock Barn and set two traps. I set traps by the Storage Barn, the west side ditch and the hay stack, also by the young pines. Next I set traps by the willows on the bank at the east side.

This was all that I could do that night so I came up to the house and got ready for bed. The next morning I got four rats out of the traps that I had set the night before.

WALLACE A. BACON.

Picking up Driftwood

One day when I went down to the farm Mr. Hayden told three other boys and me to go down to the beach by the Wharf and pick up driftwood. Rollins Furbush was put in charge. When we got to the beach each fellow took a strip about two feet wide.

About every 75 feet we put the wood in piles. After we had picked up wood for about two hours we went back where we started and picked up the bottles, tin cans and other refuse and put them in separate piles. We worked there until the bell rang and then went up to the barn and marched up to the house.

JOSEPH T. GOULD.

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Noise has been defined as "confused or senseless sound". Some sounds are necessary of course. The signals of steamers, whistle and bell, are of value; but consider the confusion and danger which would result if all the ships in the

harbor went about tooting their whistles without any special meaning. Signals would be lost in the "senseless" noise.

It requires energy to make noise. Energy is power. Avoidable noise is waste, and waste cannot be justified. Every useless or unnecessary noise you make reduces your capacity to perform useful work or exercise. The more noise you make, the less you get out of life for the energy you spend. The strongest men are quiet men, who make it a practice to use and not to waste their energy. The most efficient shop or factory is the quietest of its kind, for all possible waste has been eliminated. Our moments of close application and deep interest are silent moments. At the most crucial play in a baseball game on the field, the grandstand and the bleachers are still, and all the faculties of every man there are concentrated on the game. Quietness is evidence of order-ordered thought and ordered action and application.

There is another side to noise. When you make unnecessary noise, you waste not only your own energy, but the energy of all the other people in hearing distance. For, whatever they may be doing, a sudden or a continued noise requires that put forth additional energy to offset the distraction and to accomplish what they are upon.

These are days of conservation. In the school room, in the shop, on the ball field, on the beach, everywhere at work or at play, we can benefit ourselves and our neighbors by the exercise of personal efficiency and the avoidance of unnecessary noise.

Calendar

August 4. Transplanted 2600 celery plants.

August 8. Planted 1-8 acre late peas. Began cutting grass about little oaks in Lyman Grove with sickles.

August 9. Rain. Cleaned barns, washed mangers and cleaned Vegetable Cellar.

August 10. Began cutting oats and wheat.

August 11. Mowed grass in corral.

August 13. Sowed 1-4 acres of buckwheat in cornfield that was poor. Hauled three tons of oats.

August 14. Began plowing by Vegetable Cellar. Hauled four tons of oats and two and one-half tons of wheat.

August 15. Mowed alfalfa. Finished cutting grass in Lyman Grove. Dug first potatoes. Picked blackberries.

August 16. Mowed alfalfa by Poultry House. Began plowing Oak Knoll. Finished plowing five acres by Vegetable Cellar. Cut hay by Telephone Booth. Began cutting turf around oaks in Lyman Grove.

August 18. Finished drawing in wheat and drew in 1 3-4 tons of oats.

August 19. Drew three tons of alfalfa.

August 21. Big storm.

August 22. Oiled ditches with gas oil for mosquitos.

August 23. Dressed 25 lbs. poultry. Picked first beans and corn.

August 24. Picked first cabbage.

August 25. Sowed five acres millet. Finished plowing Oak Knoll. Planted 1-8 acre of turnips.

August 27. Began cutting salt hay.

August 28. Fixed road by Cemetery Hill. Sprayed potatoes with Bordeaux mixture.

August 29-31 All boys on the farm. Pulled weeds out of all crops. Finished mulching ground around small oaks in Lyman Grove.

August 31. First ripe tomatoes.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand August 1, 1917	\$1,218.25
Deposited during the month	\$27.48
	\$1,245.73
Withdrawn during the month	\$34.72
Cash on hand September 1, 1917	\$1,211.01

August Meteorology

Maximum temperature 95° on the 9th.

Minimum temperature 60° on the 13th, 22nd, 26th and 31st.

Mean temperature for the month 78.9°.

Total precipitation 3.80 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, .68 inches on the 17th.

6 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 5 clear days, 22 partly cloudy, 3 cloudy days.

Total number of hours' sunshine, 149.

Requisitions

When anything is needed for the different places where we work, the instructor in charge writes on a specially prepared sheet, stating just what and how much is wanted. These sheets are called requisition blanks. At the top of each sheet is printed: "The following articles are required for the", and then there is a line for the name of the place which needs the things. Then there is another line to put the name of the instructor in charge. Below this printing is a blank space where the names of the articles needed are written.

These requisitions are handed to Mr. Bradley and if he approves he hands them to the office instructor, and one of the office boys gets the articles and takes them to the instructor who asked for them.

LAWRENCE E. WALTERS.

New Books

Recently Mr. Bradley gave us a new set of books for the Reading Room. They are as follows: First Aid for the Trenches, The Elements of Navigation, Small Boat Building, Field Entrenchment, The Deck and Boat Book, The Etiquette of the Stars and Stripes, Practical Motor Boat Handling, Addresses of the President of the United States, The History and Significance of the American Flag, The Stars and Stripes, History of the United States Flag. They are good books and I am sure that every boy will handle them with care.

JAMES A. CARSON.

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Cottage Row Sanitary Division

The Sanitary Division of Cottage Row is divided and has inspectors as follows:

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TREE INSPECTORS

Carl H. Collins, Chief
Gordon H. Cameron, Deputy

Harold S. Curtis Alexis L. Guillemin
Leon I. Fisher Daniel E. Smith

The chiefs of the different squads make out records of the work done, and time spent. When they are not here, the deputies take charge of this work.

Bird inspectors destroy the nests of English sparrows, blackbirds, and crows, and kill all of these birds they can. They also see that the nesting boxes are put up right with the openings towards the south end of the Island.

The fly inspectors put out poison and bread and tend the fly traps.

The mosquito inspectors drain or fill in low places and spray ditches and waterholes where mosquitoes are apt to breed.

The rat inspectors set traps and put poison

in the holes and do everything else they can to exterminate the rats.

The tree inspectors kill brown tail and gypsy moths, maple tree borers, tent caterpillars and other insects. Each inspector gets paid according to the work done, and we know how much he does as the chiefs keep records of the work of their squads.

LESLIE M. CALIKN.

Running the Dishwasher

One day Mr. Brown detailed me to work in the dining-room. I went in, and reported to the instructor in charge, and was put to work as a table-boy. The next day the instructor told me to try and run the dishwasher. I went over and the boy who had had the job before me, showed me how to run it.

There are two compartments, one for washing the dishes, and one for rinsing them. In the compartment where the dishes are washed is a paddle wheel which revolves when the power is turned on and throws the water on the dishes. When the dishes are thoroughly washed, I lift them out with a derrick attachment. Then I lower them into the rinsing water. They are then taken out and put away.

LAWRENCE A. MURPHY.

The Playground

One of our most attractive places is the playground. It is in the north central part of the Island, and is north of the Main Building. From this point we can get a good view of the harbor and its islands, some of them being Spectacle Island, Long Island, Governor's Island and Castle Island. From the playground we can see large boats such as the New York, Nova Scotia and Maine boats. It is on the playgrounds that all the baseball and football games are played and on the Fourth of July and the seventeenth of June it is the scene of many sports. Overlooking the playground on the highest part, is the flag pole which is 85 ft. high and was erected in 1897. On the east side is the gymnasium apparatus and on the northern part is Cottage Row.

EVERETT B. LELAND.

The North Dormitory

The North Dormitory is the smallest of the three dormitories. Twelve fellows sleep here and they have the privilege of staying up until nine o'clock to read or write and to do other things. Beside each bed there is a chair and the fellows who have finished sloyd have their chests beside their beds. In these chests they keep any of their property they wish. Some of the fellows who have received diplomas have them hung up on the wall near their beds. At one end of the dormitory they have a table to write or draw on. There is also a fireplace at the same end of the room. Over the fireplace is a shelf on which the fellows keep their books. The fellows who have been here the longest and are in the first or advanced classes are in this dormitory.

WILLIAM H. MACDONALD.

Flies

Every year some boys are picked out to tend the flies. This year there are five fly inspectors. There is the chief, deputy and three inspectors. We have a poison which contains two quarts of milk, one and one half quarts of water, and one pint of formaldehyde; this is mixed and put in dishes. These dishes are placed in windows and where flies gather.

We also place big screen traps near the house doors, barn, pig pens, and compost shed. These traps are two feet high and one and a quarter feet in diameter. Under these we place a plate with a fish head on it so as to draw the flies. The dishes are emptied every day and the bait changed in the traps. The fly inspectors do this during their play time.

JOHN E. KERVIN.

Sweeping Gutters

One day I was told to clean the gutters of the Rear Avenue. I got a bag, a weeder, a gutter broom and a grass clipper. I swept them and took the weeds out as I went along. Then I clipped the grass at the edge. After I finished that, I took up the dirt and emptied it at the dike.

FRANKLIN P. MILLER.

A Sloyd Lesson

After breakfast we line up in the assembly-room. The first line is the shop line; the next is the sloyd line. We go by twos to the sloyd room. As soon as we get there we go to our benches and stand until Mr. Ameer rings his bell. Then the boys in the row nearest the lockers go and get their work. He rings his bell again and the next row go and get their work. The third time he rings his bell the aprons and pencils are given out. Now the fellows begin to work each on his respective model. I am on my fifth model.

WILLIAM H. MOORE.

The Spider, the Ant, and the Bird

Sunday afternoon I was watching a spider on a balsam plant. He had made his web from one balsam to another while ants were going up and down the balsam stem. I wished an ant would go in the web, but none would go so I put one in. At once the spider began to wind a web around the ant and soon the ant was helpless. A little later I saw a bird fly by and I looked for the spider and he was gone. There was a large hole in his web so I knew the bird had taken him.

LESLIE D. EGGLESTON.

Caring for Young Oaks

In the early spring time some young oaks were planted over in Lyman Grove. They were planted in rows four feet apart. After they took root and the ground got hard some of the boys had to go over and soften up the dirt around the young oaks.

By that time they had branched out quite a little and so had to be pruned. For this work two other boys and I were chosen. When beginning, we were each given a knife and a pair of pruning shears. We were instructed to be careful. All the leaders were cut off except the tallest and those which promised to make the straightest tree. After that the branches which were cut off were picked up. It is very interesting work and I enjoyed it very much.

LOUIS R. CROXTALL

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THEODORE MILLER, '09, August 2, 1917, Barracks C, Newport Training Station, Newport, R. I.

BRUCE L. PAUL, '07, August 10, 1917, U. S. S. Kearsarge, Care of N. Y. Postmaster.

FREDERICK P. FEARING, '82, is working in the La Point Machine & Tool Company, Hudson, Mass.

EDWIN B. LAWTON, '95, head of the shipping department of the H. W. Johns-Manville Company, 55 High Street, Boston, where he has been for a number of years, visited the Island on Aug.

31 in his motor boat. Edwin is a member of the South Boston Yacht Club and takes much pleasure in spending his leisure hours on the water.

HIRAM C. HUGHES, '97, is Assistant Superintendent of the Carving Department at Irving & Casson, 26 Otis Street, E. Cambridge. He is also instructor in wood carving at the Manchester Institution of Arts and Sciences and at the North Bennett Street Industrial School.

LESLIE W. GRAVES, '03, is married, has one little daughter and is living at 397 Lynn Street, Lynden, Mass. He is employed by Colman Brothers, a coal concern in Malden and is hoping to get a license to run a truck soon.

CHARLES E. NICHOLS, '06, 3 Glenwood St., Roxbury, Mass, is chief accountant at Gray & Davis Inc., Cambridge, Mass.

CHARLES A. GRAVES, '07, 11 Pelham Street, Malden, Mass. is employed as foreman in the shipping room of the Maplewood Last Factory, Malden, Mass.

JAMES R. GREGORY, '10, is married and living at 1761 Washington Street, Boston. He is employed at C. F. Hathaway & Sons, Bakers, No. Cambridge, Mass.

Raymond H. Batchelder, '15, is employed at the Arsenal in Springfield, Mass.

The Old Elm

One of our largest trees is the old elm which is probably over 75 years old. It is symmetrical in shape and has an octagonal seat on a concrete base at the foot.

Its wide and shading branches give shelter from the sun. We often sit on the seat at the

foot to read books and talk to our companions.

In the summer it has an electric light on each side. These lights are taken down in the fall.

We are very proud of the old elm, and hope it may stand a great many years longer.

MALCOLM E. CAMERON.



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Our School Year

Our school year begins about July 15 each year. There are four terms of school, 45 weeks in all.

When a boy comes here he is tried out and it is decided for what he is best suited. The boys work on the Farm, in the Shop, Power House, Printing Office, Laundry, Kitchen, Bakery, Dining Room, Dormitory, Office, and Steamer. Most boys have some choice in the place they work.

The first class and the fourth class go to school in the morning, and the second and third classes in the afternoon. The half day that each class is not in school boys go to the farm and other places where they are assigned to work.

In the morning and afternoon 16 boys go to sloyd until school time, except on Thursday morning when there is a class in forging. The boys who go to school but not to sloyd, work for the supervisor around the house, raking avenue, sweeping gutters and doing other necessary work until school time.

We have a choir and all the boys who want to can be in it. We practice every Saturday night. We sing on Sunday and other times.

Every boy has a chance to be in our band if he wishes to, and is musical. There are about 30 boys in the band. We have an instructor who teaches us how to play. We also have an orchestra which plays at dances and for other occasions. We have three and one half hours playtime on school days. We have motion pictures every week as well as other entertainments.

Through the year on Saturday afternoons

we play games, football in the fall, basketball in the winter and baseball in the summer.

We have good times on holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, 22nd of February, 4th of July and other holidays, which are celebrated with fitting sports for the days.

We have a fine time at the School and I like it.

JAMES A. CARSON.

New Farm Horses

Wednesday Sept. 26, I was working near the Observatory when I saw the steamer take the scow alongside the Wharf.

When I arrived at the barn at 5:00 o'clock I was told a pair of draft horses were coming to take the place of General and Dan.

Several of the largest fellows were sent down to the scow to go over and help get them. As I did not go, I did not see them until next morning. I found out their names were Dolly and Dick.

Doily is a chestnut mare, has hairy legs and a white forehead, and has the characteristics of a Clydesdale, and weighs 1650 pounds.

Dick is coal black, and shows Percheron characteristics, and weighs 1750 pounds.

Both of these horses are gentle and are used to being treated kindly.

RUSSELL A. ADAMS.

Filling in Ruts

One morning before school Mr. Brown told another fellow and me to get a wheelbarrow, a tamper and two shovels. After we had these things we went down the Rear Avenue to the gate where there is some clay. I got a pail of water while the other fellow filled the wheel-

barrow with clay. I pushed the wheelbarrow up to the top of the Rear Avenue where the ruts began. First we took a broom and swept all the loose dirt and gravel away, and then we put clay in the ruts and gave it a good wetting with water. Then the other fellow took the tamper and began tamping it while I went after another load. We got five loads before school.

WILLIAM H. MOORE, 2ND.

Waste Paper

We do not throw our waste paper away as a good many people do, but we save it. It is taken to the basement of Gardner Hall where there is a press to make it into bales. It is pressed very tightly and wires are put around it. Then it is taken to the Storage Barn and put in a pile with the rest of the bales which are ready to be sent to the city and sold when there are enough to take over.

FRANK E. WOODMAN.

Bulletin Boards

We have two bulletin boards, one in the assembly room, and one hanging on the side of the building. The one in the assembly room is 27 3-8 inches long and 21 3-8 inches wide. The one on the side of the building is 38 2-8 inches long and 37 6-8 inches wide.

Various notices are hung on the bulletin boards. Some of them are as follows; a list of the graduates who are in the army or navy, a list of the numbers of the fellows, notices that all the cottages are to be cleaned up for Friends' Day, and also notices that the band instruments are to be shined up by Friends' Day.

HEMAN A. LANDERS.

Hydroplanes

Of late we often see hydroplanes skimming around our Island.

There are about five in the harbor which we see about every day. There is one which belongs to the Coast Guard, and the others are privately owned. These hydroplanes are of many shapes and colors. There is one that is brown and white, and another that is all red.

These hydroplanes can go about 35 to 36 statute miles an hour. "Miss Detroit 2nd" once made the record time of 61.723 statute miles on Lake Michigan. We like to watch the hydroplanes because they are so interesting.

WALTER LIND.

Picking Peaches

Recently I had the job of helping another fellow pick peaches. We first picked the peaches up off the ground. These were sorted and the good ones were put in one basket and the poor ones in another basket.

Then the peaches were picked off the trees. In this way six or seven trees were picked. The good ones were taken up to the house and the bad ones over to the pig-pens. I like it is kind of work.

PHILIP M. LANDRY.

My First Experience With a Scythe

A short time ago when I went to the farm the instructor told another fellow and me to take scythes and cut weeds at the South End. At first I would hold the scythe so that the end dug into the ground, and then I would hold it so high above the ground that it would cut the weeds near the top. After practicing for a while I got so I could cut pretty well.

At about 9:45 the other fellow went to the South End Marsh to cut salt hay while I went over by the East Side tide gate to shake up the salt hay put there to dry.

CHARLES F. WEFYMCUTH.

Picking Beans

One day Mr. Dow told me to get a bushel box and a quart measure and go pick a half bushel of string beans. I picked those that were two or three inches long. Just as soon as I had filled the quart measure I put the beans in the box. I went about half way through the patch before I had a half bushel. I then took them to the kitchen to be cut up.

THEODORE B. HADLEY.

My Work in the Dining-Room

In the morning I work in the dining-room. I go in the dining-room before breakfast and help to put the breakfast on the table. After breakfast I clean the middle row of tables. First I take the dishes off that were used for breakfast and take them over to the dish washer. After that I sweep the floor under the tables and wash the tables. I put the dishes on for dinner, finishing about 8:30. Then there is the work of scrubbing the floor. Sometimes we stop scrubbing at 10 o'clock and do other work such as shining brass, washing windows, etc.

HEMAN A. LANDERS.

The Clothing Room

The boys' clothing room is situated in the east basement of the Main Building. Here are kept suits, shirts, new shoes, new sneakers, handkerchiefs, winter caps, mittens, gloves, rubber coats, rubber boots, white duck suits, oil-skins for the steamer boys, different sizes of the American flag, flags of all nations and school flags. When the boys bathe they are given clean clothing.

Whenever a boy tears his clothes and receives new ones, an entry is made of it in a book which is kept for that purpose. The soiled clothing goes from the clothing room to the laundry, then to the sewing room and then back to the clothing room. The sneakers are given out to the boys when they play baseball, basketball and other sports. The clothes for playing football are kept in a large box. The football shoes are kept in another box. ROLLINS A. FURBUSH.

My Work Before School

My work in the hour and a half before school is to rake all the leaves I can from the croquet grounds and between the Main Building and the gardens. When I have them raked, I take a bag and gather all of them and take them down to the pig pens, where they are used for bedding. By the time I get back, it is time to get ready for school.

ALFRED A. PICKLES.

Picking Tomatoes

Every other morning all the ripe tomatoes are picked and brought up to the kitchen. I have had this work for a few days.

I was told to pick all the tomatoes that were ripe enough. Some of the tomatoes are not quite ripe but they are taken up and are ripened in the kitchen. The first time they were picked there was a bushel; the second time a half a bushel, and the third time three fourths of a bushel.

WILLIAM L. HARRIS.

Working in the Celery Bed

One day lately I worked on the farm. The farmer told three fellows and me to go over to the gardens and finish the celery and the peppers. We got hoes and started on our way.

After we reached the celery, we each took a row and started loosening the soil around the plants. After finishing a row, we started taking the soil away from the plants down as far as the crown.

We soon finished the celery and started on the peppers. The peppers were very much easier to do. We did not finish the peppers because it was soon time to go to the barn. It was a good job and we liked it very much.

ELWOOD S. CHASE.

Dormitory Work

Every year at the change of work five fellows are chosen for the dormitory work. There are three dormitories, the East, the West, and North. In the East and West Dormitories, there are two rows of beds on each side. In the two front rows are short beds and there are longer beds in the back rows.

After breakfast every morning we report for work. We all begin making beds, two at a bed. When we have one dormitory done, we go to the other.

After all the beds are made and the floors swept, we scrub. It takes one day to scrub the East Dormitory, and one day to scrub the West. On Saturday we scrub the North Dormitory, the halls and the stairs. Every Monday we have to change the sheets and pillow cases.

JOHN E. KERVIN.

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As we form our habits we establish our destiny. Habit almost entirely rules the life of the average man. "Habit a second nature!" exclaimed the Duke of Wellington, "Habit is ten times nature".

This is what makes our early training im-

portant. We do not go to school primarily to learn geography or mathematics, but to acquire habits of application and thought. As boys, we do not work in the field or the shop for the material gain that our labor brings, but mainly to acquire habits of judgment and responsibility. Dean Briggs, of Harvard, has written, "The main object of school and college is the same, to establish character, and to make that character more efficient through knowledge; to make moral character more efficient through mental discipline." To acquire knowledge is good; to develop physical strength is good; but these are worse than useless unless governed by a sound habit of thought to direct their right employment.

The road to perdition is paved with good intentions. To give a good intention real value we must put it into action, and every time we do so we strengthen our character. No habit is worse than that of procrastination, the practice of putting off our duties, of letting our inspirations and aspirations evaporate. Dreams and desires are worthless unless they are followed by action. A man may desire for years to be a good swimmer, but he never will be unless he jumps in and swims.

Habit is cumulative. You are a better or a worse fellow as you cultivate good or bad habits by practice; and an action once done, whatever its nature, has either strengthened or weakened you, in some measure, for all time. You cannot escape the compensations of the habits you form. Every time you go the wrong way you lengthen the road you must travel to get anywhere in the right direction.

But if you are alert and develop your habits [especially your mental habits] according to a clean and manly ideal, there is all the hope in the world for you; for sound character is the result of accumulated good habits.

Calendar

Sept. 2. Sunday. Scow ride down the harbor to Hull and vicinity.

Sept. 3. Leslie W. Graves, '03, with wife and daughter visited the School in the afternoon.

Sept. 4. Wesley C. Angell, '17, left to enter high school. He will live with his aunt at 335 Cambridge Street, Allston, Mass.

Sept. 6. Motion pictures in the evening. Finished weeding big garden. Oak Knoll planted to alfalfa.

Sept. 7. Old asparagus bed weeded. First feed of millet for cows.

Sept. 8. Lawrence M. Cobb, '14, and George G. Larsson, '17, visited the School.

Sept. 10. Cut weeds in marsh. Donald S. MacFarison, '17, left to attend high school. He will live with his mother in Arlington, Mass.

Howard F. Lochrie, '16, left the School to work for the Walter M. Lowney Co., 486 Hanover Street, Boston, Mass. He will live with his mother at 32 Fochard Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

Sept. 11. Mowed Bowditch Grove. Cut salt hay.

Sept. 18. Manager Thomas J. Evans spent the night at the School.

Sept. 19. Edward Moore, '73, visited the School with a friend.

Sept. 21. Brought 165 barrels of flour in the scow.

Sept. 22. Friends' Day. 245 visitors came and returned on the Nantasket boat, Rose Standish.

Sept. 26. Manager Thomas J. Evans, with friends, visited the School.

Two new work horses, Dolly and Dick, were brought to the Island in the scow.

Sept. 27. Motion pictures in the evening. The Admission Committee considered 30 applications of new boys. 11 were admitted to fill existing vacancies.

Sept. 29. Salt hay cleaned up. Two and one half tons of groceries and two farm wagons were brought over in the scow. Ralph H. Benway, '16, visited the School over Sunday.

Dolly and Dick were driven for the first time. Horses, Dan and General, humanely disposed of.

Sept. 30. Ficked first of field corn (2 loads).

September Meteorology

Maximum temperature 86° on the 1st, and 4th.

Minimum temperature 42° on the 12th.

Mean temperature for the month 26.50°.

Total precipitation 1.42 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, .81 inches on the 18th.

5 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 3 clear days, 27 partly cloudy, 0 cloudy days.

Total number of hours' sunshine, 122 and 10 minutes.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand September 1, 1917	\$1,211.01
Deposited during the month	\$46.59
	\$1,257.60
Withdrawn during the month	\$90.43
Cash on hand October 1, 1917	\$1,167.17

My Work in the Kitchen

My afternoon work is in the kitchen. When I first go in, I wipe the dishes, and then I scrub out my dish towels. If it is Friday I scrub fish cloths too. There are about eight towels. When I get them washed and rinsed, if there isn't any extra work to do, I sweep the floor and begin scrubbing. I have 10 strips to scrub. When through scrubbing, another fellow and I usually take down the garbage while the other two fellows finish the dishes. We get out about 2:00 o'clock.

At 5:00 o'clock we come in again, get the potatoes and scrub them. Then I bring the milk cans in and put the strainer on. The other three boys go to supper at half past five and I stay as I am late boy. After they have gone, I wash the milk cans, dishes, etc. After the other boys have come out from supper at 6:00 o'clock, I go into my supper. By the time I come out the rest of the cans are usually done. If they are not, I help. When they are done, two fellows leave, and the other two help put the supper away and finish the rest of the work.

JOSEPH T. GOULD.

Pruning Oaks

When I went down to the farm Tuesday morning, September 4th, I was told to help Mr. Warren prune the little oaks over in Lyman Grove.

He first showed me how to prune. After a while I could prune all right. I took off all the dead leaves and dead branches. If there were three branches left, I would select the straightest one for the leader and cut off the other two. During the morning we did 30 rows.

WEBSTER S. GOULD.

The Colony Houses

The Colony houses are set out on the farm in different places. These houses are five feet high and six feet square, and the roof slants down toward the back side. There are glass windows and a door occupying the larger part of the front side, so as to let in an abundance of sun. These houses are made of wood and are covered with tarred paper. They are cleaned twice a week, and when they are moved to a new location, they are moved a distance of twice their length. The Poultry House boy takes care of these houses.

OSMOND W. BURSIEL.

Giving Out Magazines

On Sundays during summer when there is not a barge ride the boys are given old magazines to read. These magazines are kept in the attic. Mr. Bradley tells the office boy to get about 75 or 80 and give them to the supervisor who gives them to the boys. Some of the magazines are: Popular Mechanics, World's Work, Manual Training Magazine, The Dawn, The Country Gentleman, Iron Age, The Survey, Our Dumb Animals, Illustrated World, American Forestry, Youth's Companion, American City, and Saint Nicholas. The ones we like best are Popular Mechanics, Illustrated World, Our Dumb Animals, Youth's Companion, World's Work, and Saint Nicholas. When we have finished reading the paper given us, we exchange with some other fellow.

LAWRENCE E. WALTERS.

My Duties as Janitor

After the Cottage Row election LeRoy A. Parsons who was elected Mayor appointed me janitor. My duties are as follows: Every morning I put the Cottage Row flag up and at sunset I take it down. I have to take care of City Hall and have the desk, table, etc., in place, and have the floor clean, and clean up Audubon Hall. When my work is done I help the street commissioner clean the street, mow the lawns belonging to the Government, and empty the waste barrels.

HENRY C. LOWELL.

What I Did One Morning

One morning when I went down to the farm, the farmer told me to go down in the basement of the Stock Barn and clean up.

The first thing I did was to get a shovel and clean up the lime. Then I separated the bags that had lime in them. Those that were good I put in piles of 10 and the ones that were not good I put in a bag and took down to the Storage Barn. After that I swept cobwebs until the bell rang. Then I went up to get ready for dinner.

JOSEPH KERVIN.

The Boys' Dining Room

The boys' Dining Room is in the southeast corner of the Main Building. It is 48 ft. 6 inches long, by 33 feet wide and 9 feet high.

In the southwest corner of the room there is a dishwasher where all the dishes are washed. In the northwest corner is the bread cupboard, bread table and sink, together with two large steam boilers where the boys' cocoa is made. In the northeast side of the room is a door leading out into the Assembly Room. All around the room are pictures of wild birds by Audubon together with a picture of John Adams, second president of the United States, and a picture of Ulysses S. Grant. In the northeast corner of the room a bunch of red corn is hanging.

There are 17 tables in the room, six seats at each table. It is a very pleasant dining room.

LOUIS R. CROXTALL.

Prisoner's Base

One of the games the fellows play is prisoner's base. We make two bases. Then we make a line and if an opponent goes on the opposite side of the line and is caught we say, "One, two three, you're my prisoner" before he gets on his own side and he has to go to our base. On each base a flag is hung and the object of the game is to get each other's flag. When a fellow is caught and one of his own side sneaks up and tags him he can escape with the flag and if he gets on his own side without getting caught he is safe. It is fun to see how many flags can be gotten.

NICHOLAS M. SUAREZ JR.

Getting Grain

One day at 1:00 o'clock Mr. Brown told another fellow and me to go down to the steamer and report to Mr. Alexander. We were to go to City Point and get grain. When we got over to the landing a grain team was waiting. We loaded 60 bags on the deck of the steamer.

Just before we landed here on the Island the steamer whistle blew one long and one short blast which is the freight signal. A team came down to the Wharf. We unloaded the grain from the steamer and carried it up to the team where another fellow put it on. When we finished this we came back and reported to Mr. Brown.

ROLLINS A. FURBUSH.

Pressing and Cleaning Suits

When I have to press a suit and clean it I take a stiff brush and give the suit a good brushing. If there are any spots on the suit I take some water and soap and wash them off, but if water and soap will not take them off I use gasoline and then take a cloth and wash with water where I put the gasoline, so as to take the smell of gasoline out. When the suit is all cleaned and ready to press I put a small table up by the wall and turn on the power and the electricity heats the flat iron. Next I put a wet cloth over the garment and press it. I like to clean and press suits because it teaches me to clean and press my own when I get to be a young man.

FRED H. FLEET.

Sloyd Models

There are 22 models in our sloyd course. They are as follows:— wedge, planting-pin, bread-board, plant-stand, coat-hanger, cylinder, file-handle, hammer-handle, butter-paddle, paper knife, picture-frame, pen-tray, nail-box, cake-spoon, mallet, diploma-frame, sloop, book-support, Indian-club, fruit-tray and the tool-chest. All of the models of this course cannot be used here as there are about 48 fellows that go to sloyd. So they are put in one of the cupboards and sold to the visitors and friends who come to see us on Visiting Days.

I am in sloyd and I am making my 21st model which is the fruit-tray.

FRANK E. WOODMAN.

Work in the Laundry

Since the change of work I have been in the laundry. Monday morning we wash the clothes and Tuesday we have the fellows' sheets and pillow cases to put through the flat work iron while the other things are being starched. On Wednesday we begin ironing and continue until it is all done, on Thursday or Friday. We sweep and scrub the floor, clean the machinery and shine brass, on Friday or Saturday. After that is all done one boy delivers the clothes. That ends our work for the week in the laundry.

HERBERT ANTELL.

Cleaning Cottages

Every boy who owns in a cottage would like to have his cottage be the best one in Cottage Row. Most of the boys have pennants and pictures with which they adorn their cottages. When Friends' Day is coming we all take special care with our cottages. We scrub the floors and walls, wash the windows, straighten the pictures and pennants. Besides cleaning the inside, the outside has to be cleaned up also. The lawns have to be trimmed and the paths cleaned.

Every cottage has 12 shares. Each of the owners is expected to do his share of the work necessary to keep Cottage Row in good order.

WILLIAM H. MACDONALD.

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GEORGE J. BALCH, '09, Sept. 1917, boiler-maker, U. S. S. Delaware, care of N. Y. Postmaster.

EDWARD M. BICKFORD, '10, Sept. 4, 1917. Headquarters Co., 104th Infantry, 52nd Brigade, 25th Division, American Expeditionary Force.

WILLIAM B. DEANE, '13, Sept., 1917, U. S. S. Nebraska.

HAROLD W. EDWARDS, '10, Sept. 4, 1917, U. S. S. Delaware, Division 10, care of N. Y. Postmaster.

HAROLD Y. JACOBS, '10, September 26, 1917, musician, U. S. S. Missouri, care of New York Postmaster.

WILLIAM M. MARSHALL, '10, Sept 7, 1917, Co. E., 6th Eng. Regiment, Belvoir, Va., care of Washington Barracks.

PERLEY W. WHITE, '13, Sept. 1917, Engineering Regiment, First Corps Cadets.

EDWARD MOORE, '78, 10 Rodman Street, Forrest Hills, Boston, Mass., visited the School on September 19th. He has for the past 15 years been employed by the Boston School Department as heating and ventilating engineer.

FREDERIC F. BURCHSTEAD, '01, visited the School on the 22nd of September with his nine year old son. A little daughter was born September 20th at his home, 76 Colon Street, Beverly, Mass. Frederic is a draftsman in the Experimental Department of the United Shoe Machinery Company of Beverly.

PERCY SMITH, '09, visited the School September 17, with his wife and little two and one half year old son, John. He lives at present at 70 Granite Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., and is still employed by the Alexander, Campbell Co., milk contractors, 14 Williams Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

HERBERT A. SCUTHER, '12, is working for Samuel R. Avis and Sons., Inc., New Haven, Conn. He is married and has a little daughter one and one half years old. They live at 203 Main Street, West Haven, Conn. Herbert is making excellent pay as most men are who are working on munition and the like, and he is wise enough to keep putting some of his earnings away. Herbert is as husky and cheerful as ever.

Ernest V. Wyatt, '13, on September 13 received a diploma from the Massachusetts Nautical School, U. S. S. Ranger, ranking first in his class of 24. Throughout his service on the Ranger, Wyatt's marks in conduct and study have been high. In April he was promoted to Senior Cadet Officer, in June was made Assistant Instructor in charge of a division, with salary, and quartered and messed in the ward room. Since his graduation from The Ranger he has entered the Merchant Marine Service, sailing as third mate on the Steamship Annetta of the Raporal Steamship line, Middlesex Navigation Co., Pier No. 1, New York. Wyatt expects to come back as second mate.

LAWRENCE L. COBB, '14, visited the School before his return to Colby Academy, New London, N. H., for his last year there.

HAROLD C. CARD, '15, is a brakeman on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. He has a 54 mile run on the Midland Division between Putnam and East Hartford. He says that there are sometimes as many as three engines on one train to carry the heavy freights, consisting of government supplies, coal and merchandise, etc. He lives at Edson Street, Dorchester, Mass.

Newton H. Hodgson, '17, entered Colby Academy, New London, N. H., this year. Both he and Cobb are out for football.



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Herbert Fenn Watson

On October 17, 1917, the U. S. S. Antilles, engaged in transport service for the Navy Department, was torpedoed, and many lives were lost. Among those who were not rescued was Herbert Fenn Watson, '08 radio operator aboard the destroyed ship.

Herbert was born at Norwich, Conn., May 21, 1894, was admitted to The Farm and Trades School, March 7, 1905, and was at the time of his entrance the smallest boy in the School. In July, 1907, and in July, 1908, he received Honorable Mention in conduct, he was a member of the School band, was graduated June 12, 1908, on July 17 of that year returned to his mother, Mrs. Wallace Seger in Worcester, Mass., and a little later he went to live with his uncle at Willimantic, Conn., where he attended high school.

In April 1917, Mr. Watson enlisted for naval service, and during the spring of this year he was stationed at the Charlestown Navy Yard. On May 30 he visited the School and spent the

night here. Immediately after this visit he wrote in a letter to us, "The Island is certainly a beautiful place just now, and I enjoyed every minute I was there". His last letter to us, dated New York, Sept. 31, spoke of his work on transport service and his enjoyment of the time "aboard or ashore on the other side".



HERBERT FENN WATSON

Many Farm School people, instructors and alumni, remember Herbert Watson with kindly feeling and deplore his early death; but his honorable record, culminating in the giving of his life in the service of the Nation is a source of solace and pride to his most estimable mother and to all others who knew him.

A memorial service for this man, the first graduate of the School to give his life in the war and on the first war boat sunk, was held at the Island on October 28. Manager Charles T. Gallagher, representing the Board of Managers, attended the service and presented to the School a service flag bearing 48 stars. An account of the service follows.

To further honor the memory of our graduate, the boys with their own money purchased two \$100 bonds to be given to the School in memory of their hero.

Leland B. Watson, '08, Herbert's brother, was a pupil here from July 31, 1906, to July 17, 1908, and a good one too. In the picture of the two brothers, Leland has on Herbert's blue suit. Leland is married and is not yet in the service, but hopes to go in at the next draft.

Memorial Service

With the sinking of the American transport Antilles, one of our graduates, Herbert F. Watson, was lost.

We held a memorial service in Chapel Sunday, October 29, 1917. On one side of the table, at the front of the room, was the American flag, and on the other, the Massachusetts state flag. We first sang "America". Mr. Bradley then read us a sketch of Herbert's life. Rev. James Huxtable read the scripture and offered prayer. Mr. Gallagher gave a short talk and presented a service flag to the School. The flag is



LELAND B. WATSON AND HERBERT F. WATSON.

red with a white rectangular center and the numeral 48 in blue upon the white, where there are to be placed 48 blue stars, and others be added as we earn of other graduates in the service. Mr. Gallagher also presented a memorial wreath. Then two lieutenants, one Mr. Gallagher's son, spoke a few words as did Hon. Horace G. Allen. After we sang another song we all saluted the flag and sang the Star Spangled

Banner, while Mr. Gallagher spread a small American flag over the wreath. After the benediction taps were sounded, and we were dismissed.

LAWRENCE A. MURPHY.

Patriotism

Tuesday evening, the 23rd of October, we assembled in Chapel for movies, but before the movies Mr. Bradley said that a boy had suggested that we raise a sum of money to buy liberty bonds, and asked us if we didn't think it would be a good idea. All of the fellows thought it would be fine, so Mr. Bradley got a name list and a pencil and then began. He read off our names alphabetically and we called out the sum we were willing to give, for it is giving, as we will never get our money back. When all had given, Mr. Bradley read the total amount, which was \$139.87. As we wished to raise at least \$150 for bonds, some of the fellows began giving a few dollars more until when Mr. Bradley read the total, it was \$178.33. As some of the boys wish to work and earn some more money we will probably have two \$100 bonds before we are through. Then the Judge of Cottage Row got up and suggested that \$50 should be taken from the Cottage Row Treasury to buy another bond in the name of Cottage Row. The suggestion was quickly taken and the Aldermen had a meeting and voted unanimously in favor of it. The citizens ratified this meeting and the vote. In addition to this, Mr. Bradley told us that it had been decided to invest \$500 of the funds in the boys' bank in a \$500 bond. When Mr. Bradley read the total he said he was proud of us boys and that our giving so freely, for boys, had inspired him and that he intended to buy another \$1000 bond. This announcement brought three hearty cheers from the boys and some of us wished we had \$1000, though if we had it we probably would not want to give it all. The \$200 from the boys is given to the School as a memorial to Herbert Fenn Watson, the Farm School graduate who went down with the Antilles.

LESLIE M. CALKIN.

Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en here at the School is an evening to which the boys look forward, for they usually have lots of fun. Hallowe'en was celebrated here on the evening of October 31. At 7:15 o'clock all the boys lined up in the Assembly Room, and then marched down to the barn where benches were put all along in a line the length of the barn, and in front of these benches were piles of corn which we husked. The floor was then cleaned. We lined up and each received apples, peanuts, and doughnuts. The boys lined up again according to their size, and in two lines, each headed by an instructor. After the following words: "I see a ghost, Where? There, Who? You," had inturn passed down the line, the instructor at the head of each line gave a sudden shove and all of the boys in both lines fell one on top of the other. After this another game was played. There were two sides, each side having 10 boys, the object being to see which could eat a cracker and then turn to the next boy and whistle first. After other games a dance was held for all of us who could dance and wished to attend, in the Assembly Hall which was decorated beautifully for the occasion. About the lights were streamers of orange colored paper hanging down almost touching the people. Around the orchestra, which consisted of a piano, drums, cornet and clarinet were corn stalks with pumpkins at the foot. The windows also had streamers of paper coming down over them. In two corners of the room were fortune telling booths, and each boy had his fortune told. In the rear of the room was a large jack o'lantern with a bouquet of flowers. Masks, hats, horns and balloons were given to the boys, making it somewhat like a masquerade ball. Soon the music began and the dancing was commenced. The dances were mostly one steps and waltzes. All of a sudden the lights were put out and everybody was dancing by the light of a moon, the moon being an artificial one with an electric light behind it. The lights were put on and the dance continued until 12:00 o'clock. Then the boys retired for the night, feeling happy and in good spirits and

all extend their thanks to Mr. Bradley and the instructors who made it possible for such an enjoyable evening.

LE ROY A. PARSONS.

My Work All Day

At 7:30 every morning I get a gravel rake and rake the gravel on the north side of the Main Building. Besides raking the gravel I see that all the leaves, big stores, sticks and pieces of paper are picked up and carried away. Sometimes I finish my work before 8:30 so I am given some other work to do until school time.

At 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon I go down to the farm. I do not have any regular work on the farm, but do odd jobs, such as working in the Vegetable Cellar, or on the carrots and mangels. At 5:00 o'clock we come up to the Main Building and get ready for supper. This finishes my day's work.

THEODORE B. HADLEY.

My Work

At 11:45 I leave my dinner and prepare to wait on tables.

I go down and clear the table, reset it, get fresh water and help with the food. At 12:00 a gong rings and the instructors come to dinner. I wait on them and when they leave I clear the table, take the remaining food to the kitchen, the dishes to be washed, crumb the tables, sweep the floor and clean up the waiter's cupboard. I then go upstairs and take down the clean dishes. After that I set the table for supper and wash wood work or do some other work until I am allowed to go.

FRANKLIN P. MILLER.

My Job As Cow Boy

My job as cow boy is to brush and curry the cows and put the hay in the mangers and sweep the floor. The regular barn boy does the rest, cleans the stalls, etc. We first let the young heifers, and then the cows out in the barnyard. After they have had enough to drink we drive them out to the pasture and watch them. When it gets to be about 10:45 we begin to drive the cows back to the barn. When we get back we sweep the barn floor. That is all I have to do as cow boy.

WILLIAM T. MARCUS.

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The death at sea of Herbert Fenn Watson, '08, while engaged in active service, has brought the war very close to the School and to those who are connected with it. It has made us pioneers in the pain of intimate loss. For some months we have been aware that the Nation is

at war, and we have seen the list of our graduates who are enlisted grow from week to week; but for us, as for most of the people in the United States, it has seemed that we have been engaged in an enterprise rather than in a struggle.

Our service flag now bears 48 stars, and the men who are represented by these stars are engaged in many arms of the military and naval service. The significance of their present employment has been made clear and fine for us, as by a new light, through the death of one of their number. We take the splendid spirit of these Farm School men to be an index of the spirit of the Nation, and we believe that there is nothing finer in life than the voluntary service of youth in behalf of ideal faith.

President Wilson has said that we can dedicate to the cause of universal liberty "our lives and our fortunes, everything that we are and everything that we have, with the pride of those who know that the day has come when America is privileged to spend her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth and her happiness and the peace which she has treasured". It is a beautiful motive, and it makes a stirring appeal. Those who engage in its service must count the possible cost. To those who, having counted the cost, go forth to battle for the Nation, we pay in our hearts the homage due to righteousness; and every one who pays what Lincoln called "the last full measure of devotion" increases the glory of America's heritage of manhood, and adds new lustre to the cause in which the Nation's faith is pledged.

Calendar

- Oct. 1. Byron E. Collins, '15, visited the School.
- Oct. 2. John F. Barr, '00, gave two lambs to the School.
- Oct. 3. Started digging potatoes.
- Oct. 4. Motion pictures in the evening.
- Oct. 5. Cut corn at South End.
Built sheep pen in orchard.
Removed turkey yard from Whalesback.
- Oct. 6. Rolled onions, second time.

Set out 2000 strawberry plants.

First corn fodder used from South End.

Merton P. Ellis, '99, came to spend Sunday.

Mr. John R. Forgie, with about 40 boy scouts, visited the School.

Oct. 7. Sunday services commenced after a few weeks' vacation.

Oct. 8. Telephone in pectoris here to examine submarine cable.

Oct. 9. Pulled onions.

Oct. 12. Finished digging potatoes at South End.

Oct. 16. Onions drawn to Barr.

Cut corn below Power House.

Sunflowers stored in seed house.

First ears of corn drawn to Barr from South End.

Oct. 17. Herbert F. Watson, '08, went down on the U. S. S. Antilles.

Oct. 18. Three boys, Charles D. Manter, John N. Manter and Philip H. Van Tassel were returned to their parents.

Oct. 20. Corn all stocked up.

Potatoes from below orchard drawn to Vegetable Cellar.

Oct. 23. The last Friends' Day of the season. 212 visitors arrived and returned on the Betty Alden.

One of the fiercest of northeast storms of recent years swept the bay, and although no particular damage was done here, a considerable loss of property was felt in other parts of the harbor and along the South Boston shores. The landing scow at City Point wrecked.

Oct. 25. Three boys, Howard C. Cock, Donald W. Ellis and Eugene S. Ramsdell, were admitted, on trial, to this School.

Oct. 26. School dismissed that boys might husk corn.

Oct. 27. Charles Duncan, '71, spent the afternoon at the School tuning pianos.

Oct. 28. A memorial service was held in the afternoon for Herbert F. Watson '08, who was among the first Americans to go down in this war, he being on the U. S. S. Antilles.

October Meteorology

Maximum temperature 69° on the 19th.

Minimum temperature 32° on the 11th.

Mean temperature for the month 51.50°.

Total precipitation 5.75 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, 1.46 inches on the 24th.

13 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 3 clear days, 27 partly cloudy, 1 cloudy day.

Total number of hours' sunshine, 97 and 20 minutes.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand October 1, 1917	\$1,167.17
Deposited during the month	\$160.42
	\$1,327.59
Withdrawn during the month	\$272.13
Cash on hand November 1, 1917	\$1,055.46

The Bees' Winter Home

Several days ago Mr. Bradley had all of the boys go down to the bee hives. When we got there the bee man showed us the process of making the bees a warm home for the winter, which is as follows. First, he took a clean box and put it in place of the old one. Second, he loosened the frames on which the bees had made their winter food, and then he put them into the new box. Third, he put a board over the bees, and over this a box-like frame with a cloth bottom filled with leaves. He put the outside covering on. I watched this process with great interest.

CHARLES F. WEYMOUTH.

Setting Glass

In the morning I work in the paint shop. Sometimes I help do odd jobs, such as setting glass or working on the Main Building.

The way to set glass is first to bed the window with putty, then fit the glass to the window, and put in glazier points. When that is done I put the putty on the window. Then the window is all done.

JOSEPH KERVIN.

Beacons

One Saturday Mr. Brown told another boy and me to go up to the office. When we got up there I was told to pile the Beacons that were to go to subscribers in a neat pile on a shelf. When I had a large pile the office boy told me to take an armful to the office lady who was putting the addresses on with an addressograph. I was about to go back when she gave me 25 stamps and told me to begin to stamp the addressed ones. About 1:45 P. M. a boy came up and told me to go down and change for football. I liked this job very much and hope I get an opportunity to do it again.

NICHOLAS M. SUAREZ, Jr.

The Farmhouse Cellar

One afternoon Mr. Dow told me to go into the Farm House cellar, take some bags, pick up cabbage leaves and separate the coal and dirt. First I took a broom and swept the cabbage leaves lightly so that I would not get the dirt and coal mixed. I made three piles and there were just three bagfuls. I then gathered the dirt and coal in separate piles.

Having finished the work given me, I reported to Mr. Dow who assigned me to other work.

HERBERT S. TIBBETTS.

Screening Gravel

The first thing to do is to scrape all the gravel you can see about you into a pile, shovel it into a wheelbarrow and wheel it up to the screens. Before you begin you cut open a bag and spread it underneath the screen. You next sift all the sand out on the screen which has the smallest holes in it, and then screen it on the larger one.

From the sacks it is put into barrels. Generally we fill four or five barrels at a time. We each take a separate job. One puts the gravel into a pile, another wheels it up to the screens and so on until the work is finished. You see, every one does something and the work is done quickly that way. I like to screen the gravel better than any other part of the job.

EUGENE S. RAMSDELL.

The Garden Prizes

Every year the boys who keep their gardens the neatest and raise the best flowers get prizes. These prizes are called the Grew Garden Prizes because they used to be given by Mr. H. S. Grew, a former manager of the School; they are now given by his daughter, Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby. There are 10 prizes, and this year they were given to the following:

Leslie D. Eggleston	\$5.00
Elmer W. Green	\$4.00
Leslie E. Russell	\$3.50
John E. Kervin	\$3.00
Herbert L. Dudley	\$2.50
Warren F. Noyes	\$2.50
Rollins A. Furbush	\$1.75
Louis R. Croxtall	\$1.25
Rupert F. Calkin	\$1.00
Luke W. B. Halfyard	\$1.00

Every boy tries hard to get one of the prizes, and we all feel very grateful to Mrs. Crosby for giving them.

LOUIS R. CROXTALL.

Giving out Baseball Shield and Cups

One night we went to the Assembly Hall and to our great delight Mr. Bradley brought in the big box the contents of which all of us knew. After the instructors came in Mr. Bradley gave us a talk and then started to give out the Crosby cups to the boys who won them in baseball. They were as follows:

Left field	Leslie E. Russell
Right "	Gordon S. Martin
Center "	Donald S. McPherson
Pitcher	Emerson S. Gould
Sub. pitcher	John L. Slinger
Catcher	Ellsworth S. Wilkins
First base	William B. Cross
Sub. first base	John A. Robertson
Second base	George B. MacLeod
Third "	Rollins A. Furbush
Short stop	Everett B. Leland

The Crosby shield was given to Team A, Emerson Gould captain. After the cups were given out there were stereopticon pictures which we all enjoyed.

EVERETT B. LEIAND.

Gardner Hall

To the east of the Main Building is Gardner Hall. It is 62 ft. 2 in. long, 37 ft. 1 in. wide, and 38 ft. 7 in. high. It is a two story building with a basement. The basement is divided into four rooms. In the largest of these, various supplies such as ladders, pipes, lumber, cement and a paper baler are kept. The storage batteries are kept in the next room. In the southwest corner of the basement is the Drafting Room. The Paint Shop is in the northeast corner and contains paints, oils and other painting materials to be used around the buildings.

On the first floor is the laundry and the Printing Office. Our laundry work is done in our modern Laundry. Work is done in the Printing Office for both the School and outsiders. The principal job done is the School paper, the "Thompson's Island Beacon." There are six machines and many kinds of type.

On the second floor is the Gymnasium, where we spend many of our play hours. The Gymnasium has five rings, a rope ladder besides other apparatus, and a platform on which to sit and read.

DONALD B. AKERSTROM.

An Interesting Evening

On the evening of October 15, all the boys went up to the Assembly Hall and Mr. Bradley read the grades for the week. The next thing that came was the thing that the boys had been looking forward to, the awarding of the Crosby cups and shield for baseball. Mr. Bradley then told us how it happened that the cups were given to the boys, and how they used to play their Rugby games as they were called years ago. After Mr. Bradley finished talking, we had a very interesting lot of stereopticon pictures Mr. Bradley had taken while on a trip to Panama and other places. We had a very interesting evening and went to bed with a great deal more knowledge of various places, I think, than before we saw the pictures.

LAWRENCE E. WALTERS.

The Boys' Reading Room

The boys' reading-room is especially for the boys that are in the first grade. Every night except Saturday and Sunday nights, and nights when there is an entertainment or a dance, the boys that are in the first grade are allowed to go in to read until 9:00 o'clock.

The dimensions of this room are 24 ft. long 16 ft. wide, 9 ft. 1 in. high. There are many magazines and papers and books to read.

Three tables are found in this room, 12 or 13 chairs, one desk or secretary, where checks, deposit envelopes, deposit slips, request slips, office pads and messenger statements are kept. As I am office boy it is part of my work to keep this room in order. ALBERT ANDERSON.

My Work in the Carrots

Mr. Dow told some of the boys and me to go down to the carrot piece and pull carrots and twist the tops off. He put one of the boys in charge of us to see that we kept at work. Some of the boys had shovels and spades.

When we got to the piece where the carrots were, the boys with the shovels and spades loosened the carrots so that we could pull them up, for the ground was hard and we could not get the carrots up any other way than by loosening them. Some of the boys pulled the carrots up, while the rest went in back of the ones pulling them up and twisted the tops off.

We finished about seven or eight rows that morning. RAYMOND S. METCALF.

Piling up Pumpkins and Squashes

One morning Mr. Dow told another boy and me to go down and pile up the pumpkins and squashes. We piled up the Hubbard squashes first. There were over 500 squashes in all.

Then we went over to the Storage Barn and got some boards on which to put the hard pumpkins. The soft pumpkins and squashes were put to one side. It took us all the morning to do this work. ERIC O. SCHIPPERS.

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WILLIAM J. FLYNN, '03, October 21, Co. F, 6th Engineers, Washington Barracks, Washington, D. C.

JOHN H. MARSHALL, '11, October 8, 1917, 111936, R. F. A., 91 Siege Battery, R. G. A., France. B. E. F.

THOMAS MILNE, '12, Oct. 28, 1917, 2nd Mass. Field Hospital Co., 26th Division, American Expeditionary Force.

ROY D. UPHAM, '12, October 25, 1917, Co. F., 301st Infantry, Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

HERBERT A. DIERKES, '06, October 26, 1917, U. S. S. Celtic, care of New York Postmaster.

JOHN O. ENRIGHT, '12, October 6, 1917, U. S. S. Drayton, care of New York Postmaster.

FREDERICK W. MARSHALL, '08, October 8, 1917, electrician, U. S. S. America, U. S. N. R. F., care of N. Y. Postmaster.

HERBERT F. WATSON, '08, October 17, 1917, Radio Operator, went down with the U. S. S. Antilles.

JOSEPH CLARK, '70, 488 Union Street, Blue Island, Illinois, with his wife, recently visited the School. For years he has been employed as Engine Inspector in the Machinery Department, Indiana Harbor Belt, Lake Shore Michigan Southern Railroad.

S. GORDON STACKPOLE, '06, has received appointment to the Good Year Rubber Company on the sales staff as travelling representative. Gordon has made his home with his mother in Lawrence.

BYRON E. COLLINS, '15, visited the School. He has been lineman for the Hartford Electric Light Co. He is now with his aunt, Miss Bertha L. Severance, 111 Walnut Street, Medford, Mass.

TRUMAN G. CANNON, '16, visited the School recently. He is at present acting as painter in the Barracks in Hingham but hopes soon to take a position in the Sterling Motor Company, Brockton, Mass. He is living at 69 Adams Street, Brockton, Mass.

The Freight Jigger

Often at night freight is brought over by the Steamer. It is the duty of one of the horse fellows to hitch up in the freight jigger and bring the freight to the stockroom.

It is generally 6:00 o'clock when the jigger arrives at the house. The boy that takes the jigger down has me help him. If he is absent Mr. Brown lets me take care of it.

The jigger belongs in the basement of the Stock Barn. The tugs and the hold-backs are unfastened. At the Stock Barn the harness is taken off the horse and hung up, and the halter put on and the rope behind him put up.

RUSSELL A. ADAMS.

Picking up Potatoes

One Saturday afternoon lately Mr. Brown told two other boys and myself to go over to the Vegetable Cellar and pick up the potatoes that were on the ground in front of it on the other side of the road. When we got over there the farm instructor told one of us to go and get some bags and put one bushel of potatoes in each bag. When we had all of the potatoes picked up, and the bags filled, the instructor told us to help put them in the Vegetable Cellar. Then we got in the wagon and rode up to the barn, and then jumped out and went up to the Main Buildings.

NORMAN F. FARMER.



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COTTAGE ROW GOVERNMENT

By His Honor

LE ROY A. PARSONS

MAYOR

A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

It has been a custom of Cottage Row Government as well as of the Commonwealth to set apart a day to be observed as a time of thanksgiving to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us.

On this day each one of us should thank God for the wonderful improvements that have taken place at our School, for the improved appearance of our buildings, for the new trees and shrubbery, for the entertainments through the year, and for the generosity of the Board of Managers and of others who for long years have cared for the interests of the School. We also ought to feel grateful for the good harvests. We have special cause for a thankful spirit this year because of the foresight and thoughtfulness which have supplied our needs at a time when many people are suffering deprivations, and while this Thanksgiving comes under different circumstances than others, we should make it a day of happiness and good cheer.

We all should exert our energies to help our President by economizing and doing what we can, as many of our graduates are doing on a larger scale, to carry this war to a successful finish, so that this shall be the last, and troubles in the future may be settled in a friendly way and not by the sacrifice of human lives.

We should feel grateful for knowledge and pleasures which we have received as citizens of Cottage Row Government.

Therefore I, LeRoy A. Parsons, Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen, set apart Thursday, the twenty-ninth day

of November as a day of thanksgiving and praise to God for the many blessings He has given us.

Given at The Farm and Trades School this fourteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, the one hundred third year of our School and the twenty-ninth year of Cottage Row.

LE ROY A. PARSONS.

By his Honor, the Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen.

ROLLINS A. FURBUSH.

CLERK.

God save the Government of Cottage Row.

Thanksgiving Day

Every boy was looking forward to Thanksgiving Day. About 5:45 in the morning reveille was sounded to wake up the boys. After the boys got dressed and washed, we had about a half an hour. Then we went into the dining-room where we found a fine breakfast for us.

After breakfast we marched out in a line. Then the boys who had work to do were the first to go to work. The boys who did not have work had some assigned to them. The boys worked until all the work was done and then had play for the morning.

At 11:30 we went to dinner. We had:

ROAST TURKEY

Dressing Giblet Gravy

Cranberry Sauce

Squash Potatoes

Mince Pie Mixed Nuts

Oranges Raisins Apples

About 3:00 o'clock there was a football game between the Blue and the Gold, the Blue

winning 44 to 6.

At 5:30 we had supper. At 7:15 we got ready for an entertainment, which began about 8:30. After the entertainment there was a dance.

GORDON S. MARTIN.

Some Things We Are Thankful For

First Class

I thank God that though this country has entered the great war, we have entered on the side of those fighting for democracy and freedom and that this country is so rich in money, material and men of brains. I thank God for the many friends who are willing, if need be, to die for the flag of their country and for the great cause for which it stands. I thank Him for the heroism and bravery of the French, British, Belgian and other men and women, for if they had not been so brave and heroic, many of us would not be alive to enjoy this Thanksgiving Day. I am thankful that we, as citizens of this country, have been able to do what we have done to help the great cause, and hope that we may do much more. I am thankful that so many of my friends and relatives have been spared and that most of them are comfortable and in good health.

I am most thankful that there is a great God above us who watches over us and protects us.

LESLIE M. CALKIN.

I am thankful that I am happy and well and that all my relatives are well. I am glad that the President has been able to gather around him men who are the best that can be found in this country; that we have been able to show in this crisis that America is a great nation and that we also will be able to show that we can uphold our part of the war.

I am glad that this School has been able to prove that it turns out the high type of manhood that this country is noted for; that over 60 of our graduates are in the service of the Nation to uphold the maxim of President Lincoln's and be able to defend against all comers the government of the people by the people and for the people.

President Wilson said in his proclamation that we have more to be thankful for this year than any other before and I am thankful for this.

GORDON H. CAMFRON.

I am thankful that I am well and happy and have a good place in which to eat and sleep and learn to be a man. I am thankful that I am a boy of The Farm and Trades School, so that some day I will be able to say that I was a graduate of it.

I am thankful that I have a good mother who knew that it was best to send me here. I am thankful that I have learned to make myself useful, which I was not before I came here. I am thankful that Mr. Bradley tries to make us enjoy it while we are here. Of all things for which I am thankful I am most thankful that I am taught to worship God.

LAWRENCE E. WALTERS.

Second Class

I am thankful that none of my parents or relatives are in the war. I am thankful that I have a father and grandmother to take care of me and send me things. I am thankful that I am in this School. I am thankful for the food I get to eat and the roof I have to sleep under. I am thankful that I can go to the sloyd-room and make Christmas presents for my friends. I am thankful for the warm clothes that I have and last of all I am thankful that I am alive.

NICHOLAS M. SUAREZ, JR.

I am thankful that I have been admitted to this School and also I am thankful for the good food I have to eat. I am thankful that I have a mother and aunt and also an uncle, and that they are in good health and prosperity. I am thankful that I have a good bed and plenty of bed clothes to keep me warm. I am thankful that I am being well educated at The Farm and Trades School.

WALTER LIND.

I am thankful that I have a mother to live with and sisters and brothers to play with.

I am thankful that I have a good home in

THOMPSON'S ISLAND BEACON

which to live.

I feel grateful to the people who support The Farm and Trades School, giving us many pleasures and a good chance to earn a living when we leave.

I feel thankful towards the Great God for helping me as he has and for keeping my friends and relatives out of the war.

MALCOLM E. CAMERON.

I am thankful that I have a house in which to sleep. I am thankful that I have enough to eat. I am thankful that I have a chance to study and learn and that I have relatives and friends to take care of me. I am thankful that I am well and strong, that I will have a good Thanksgiving dinner and also that my friends are not in the war. I am thankful too for the amusements Mr. Bradley provides for us, for the clothes we get and I am thankful I am at this School.

OSMOND W. BURSIEL.

Thanksgiving Day is a day set apart to thank God for the many things He has given us. There are a few things for which I am thankful. I am thankful that I have a father and mother who love me and want me to get along in this world. I am thankful that I am one of the boys that were admitted to The Farm and Trades School. I am thankful I am getting a good education to help me start right in the world, to success. I am thankful I am living and in good health. I am thankful that my mother, father, and Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are in good health, and I hope they will remain so. I am thankful that I am a boy and will soon be able to fight for Uncle Sam and that we have a true and loving God who is good and gives us these things.

WARREN F. NOYES.

Third Class

I am very thankful that I have good friends who are interested in me and the School. I am also thankful that I am in a good school where I will learn how to act right in my citizen's life,

and that we have entertainments and other good things that many people do not have and I am sure that if I was home now I wouldn't have so many of these good things.

I am thankful that I don't have to be in the trenches. I am thankful that all of my friends have been in good health.

I am thankful that the United States joined the Allies in this terrible war and I am glad that the victory is coming on the right side.

I thank God for keeping me strong and healthy and for keeping me out of this furious war and for bringing me safely across to a country of real pleasure and happiness.

ALEXIS L. GUILEMIN.

I am thankful that I am at The Farm and Trades School. I am thankful that I have good health, a good sister and many kind relations. I am thankful that we have a good president to lead us in the war. I am thankful that we have not been deprived of many things that other people have to go without. I am thankful we have a good board of managers who look out and provide for our comforts.

JAMES A. CARSON.

I am thankful first that I am in a school where I will learn to be a man. I am thankful for all the relative I have and all they have done for me. I am thankful that I am on an island and near the salt water. I am thankful that I have the opportunity to go to church where I will learn about God. I am thankful for the good board of managers we have.

These are a few of the many things for which I am thankful.

ALBERT ANDERSON.

Some of the things I am thankful for are, that I am in good health, that I am at a school where I can learn a great many things and that I have a good bed and food that will make me healthy and strong. I am thankful that I have many friends and that they are in good health. Also I am thankful that I am in school and have many other opportunities.

ROBERT L. CLARK.

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To live in a country like ours is indeed a cause for thanksgiving. What higher ideals could one hope for than those expressed by the President in his message to Congress in April last? To be one of the champions of the rights of mankind, to advocate these rights to the world and to fight for their establishment is felt

to be not a duty but a privilege for which we give God our sincerest thanks. We are not glad our country is at war, but if war must be, we rejoice that our goal is so lofty and that our aim demands nothing less than the stuff of which only heroes are made.

Especially are we grateful that our School can share in the nation's great task. We are sad to have already lost one brave lad in the struggle. But the 61 others whose stars are on our service flag testify that we have many like him. Every one of them, like him, stands ready to make the supreme sacrifice so that the world may be made safe for democracy.

The work at the School with its attendant routine, may not at first thought seem like a cause for gratitude. But when viewed in the larger light of training for service for God, for country and mankind, it takes on a different aspect. It then dawns upon us that no one anywhere should be more thankful than we. Truly we are a favored people, and none have greater cause to render thanks to the Father above.

Calendar

- Nov. 1. Three cows sold for kosher meat.
- Nov. 2. Repairing float at Public Landing.
- Nov. 3. William H. Moore, 2nd, returned to his home.
- Nov. 4. The Reverend James Huxtable spoke in Chapel in the afternoon.
- In the evening stereopticon pictures of the State Farm, shown by Wallace A. Bacon, whose father was farm foreman there before his death.
- Nov. 5. Liberty Bond pins given to all the boys as subscribers to the fund for two \$100 bonds given to the School as a memorial to Herbert F. Watson.
- Nov. 7. Hard wind storm.

Mr. Bradley went to see Terrance L. Parker, '10, at the State Sanatorium at Lakeville, Mass.

Nov. 8. Treasurer Arthur Adams visited the School.

Nov. 9. The Pilgrim Quartet with Miss Carpenter, a reader, gave a concert which was

very much enjoyed by all.

Nov. 10. Manager Philip S. Sears visited the School.

Ernest V. Wyatt, '13, here for over Sunday.

Nov. 12. Stereopticon pictures of St. Thomas, Martinique and Trinidad shown by Mr. Bradley.

Nov. 14. Towed the landing scow from the Public Landing to the Island for repairs.

Dr. Francis H. Rowley of the M. S. P. C. A. gave an illustrated talk on animals.

Nov. 15. The blacksmith here to shoe horses.

Mr. Holland of R. & J. Farquhar & Co. here to select seed roots for next year.

Nov. 16. Steamer being painted.

Dancing in the evening with a pianist from town.

Nov. 17. Ellsworth S. Wilkins, '17, and Gustaf G. Larsson, '17, here for the afternoon, and Clifford G. Leonard, '16, here for over Sunday.

Nov. 19. Put in cleats and made some repairs to temporary float at Public Landing.

Nov. 21. Motion pictures in the evening.

Bulbs and shrubs received as a gift from Mr. John R. Farquhar.

Nov. 22. Norman R. Wyatt, '16, here over night.

The Potato Contest prizes were awarded.

Dancing afterwards

Nov. 23. Howard B. Ellis, '98, visited us for the first time since his accident. He remained over Sunday.

Mr. Arthur D. Hills, just returned from France, gave us a lecture on his experiences over there in the interests of the Red Cross.

Carl H. Collins, '17, left the School to work for the American Tool and Machine Company, Hyde Park. He will live at the Y. M. C. A., Hyde Park, Mass.

Nov. 24. President Alfred Bowditch, with Commandant Rush of the Navy Yard and other naval officers, visited the School. Manager Charles E. Mason, Mrs. Mason and daughter,

came later.

Nov. 25. Mr. C. M. Thompson spoke to the boys in the afternoon.

Nov. 27. Elmer W. Green, '17, left the School to live with his aunt. Address: Rolfe's Hotel, Stoneham, Mass.

Nov. 29. Thanksgiving. A football game in the afternoon.

Entertainment in the evening given by the Arenburgs, four musicians, and a reader, Miss Beatrice Perry. Dancing afterwards.

Nov. 30. Old spruce trees removed from shore line northeast of Wharf.

November Meteorology

Maximum temperature 60° on the 6th.

Minimum temperature 12° on the 27th.

Mean temperature for the month 38.71°.

Total precipitation .51 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, .39 inches on the 22nd.

3 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 2 clear days, 24 partly cloudy, 4 cloudy days.

Total number of hours' sunshine, 67 and 17 minutes.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand November 1, 1917	\$1,055.46
Deposited during the month	\$64.89
	\$1,120.35
Withdrawn during the month	\$578.46
Cash on hand November 1, 1917	\$541.89

Sawing Wood

As I have to work to earn a dollar I asked the supervisor for a job. He told me to saw wood. I went down in the wood cellar and started working.

When I had a pile of wood sawed I got an axe and began to split the wood into two sizes, kindling and coarse. When it was all split I put it in a neat pile.

WILLIAM H. MacDONALD.

THOMPSON'S ISLAND BEACON

I am thankful that I am at The Farm and Trades School. I am also thankful that I have my aunt to come and see me on Friends' Days and to send me things, that I had a good home to live in before I came here, that there are good Managers and a good Superintendent to take care of the boys at this School and feed and clothe them. I am thankful that we have Sunday School and Chapel every Sunday, that I have a good school teacher and that I work in the Carpenter Shop in the morning and go to sloyd in the afternoon.

CLIFTON H. SEARS.

I am thankful that The Farm and Trade School has the honor of saying that some of her graduates are fighting for their country and one even died for his country.

I am thankful that I have someone to look after me although it isn't a mother.

I am thankful that I am in good health and am able to enjoy another Thanksgiving Day.

I am thankful that I have a place to sleep at night and a place where I can get my meals.

WILLIAM T. MAFCUS.

Fourth Class

I am thankful for the soldiers in the trenches because they are fighting for our country; I am thankful for my mother and my brother because they are good to me. I am thankful for those who are trying to do something for my education and for the good times we have at the School, and for the turkey we have.

I am thankful for the cows we have in the barn, furnishing the milk, and for the potatoes we have raised this year.

I am thankful for my instructors because they know what is right.

JEAN GUILLEMIN.

I am thankful that I have a good father and mother and that they are in good health. I am thankful that I have a good home and shelter from winter winds. I am thankful that I have kind friends watching over me here, and helping me to grow up a good man. I am thankful that I have good clothes and food and that I can

help my country by helping to buy a Liberty Bond and that we have such a beautiful flag. I am thankful that we have such a good God to watch us.

THEODORE B. HADLEY.

I am thankful that I have a good father and mother, also that I have a home to shelter me, and that I am going to have a good education. I am thankful that I can work on the farm, and get strong and healthy.

I am also thankful that I have such good times in the summer and winter. I am thankful that I have such good meals. I am thankful that I may be away from city streets and that my parents do not worry about my getting hurt.

I am thankful that I may have a good Thanksgiving and that my friends will have the same, also that I may have the vacations and that I am not in the fourth grade. I am thankful for one more thing and that is that I may have a day in each month, either to see my friends or write to them.

ROBERT E. NICHOLS.

Cow Horns

When the heifers are old enough to go out with the cows, if their horns are long, these are cut off so that they can't fight the others. When the horns are cut off, a lot of the fellows like to get them and make neck tie racks or hat racks out of them. We first get the bone out of the inside, then we scrape off all the scabs or loose horn on the outside and sandpaper it good and smooth. Then we cut a round piece of wood just big enough for the end of the horn and put it in and glue it. This is to put a screw into. A shield is then made of any kind of wood such as mahogany, teak, or black walnut. Sometimes it consists of alternate stripes of whitewood and mahogany or walnut. The horn is screwed on the shield, sandpapered, shellacked, and polished. This makes a good Christmas present for anyone.

RUPERT F. CALKIN.

The First School Room

The dimensions of the first school room are 35 feet, 2 inches long, 17 feet, 8 inches wide and

11 feet high. There are 34 desks and chairs, and the teacher's desk. There are four rows of desks, two rows containing nine seats apiece, and two containing eight apiece. There are 12 pictures on the walls; on the front wall are two pictures, on one side are five pictures, on the back wall are two pictures, and on the other side are four pictures.

On the front wall are five production maps, the clock, and two blackboards, one on each side of the front door. There are two other blackboards on the side walls. On one side of the room are two radiators and a table. In the back of the room are two doors and a book case.

The first and third classes are held in this room.

GEORGE R. RIGGS.

A Job

One night after supper a squad of boys including myself was told to go down to the landing scow from City Point. When we got down to the scow we saw that it was full of rubbish. All of the boys were assigned something to do.

First we passed all the boards up to the boys that were to carry them to the road. Then all the barrels were taken out except the ones that were nailed. Next, four boys were told to get shovels and clean out the rubbish. I was told to get a pair of boots and get the wood that was in the water.

After we had worked for awhile the instructor left a boy in charge and went up to the house. We were told to do different things such as to pile wood upon the road, and clean the places that had not been cleaned. After awhile the watchman came down and told us to go up to the house. We did not look very clean after working there. When we got up to the house we all washed and then we were told to go to bed.

WALTER W. F. MANN.

Letter Writing Day

During the winter months we write letters in school once a month. We write on the tenth of each month, and can have as much time, and can write as many letters as we want

to. Paper is passed out to each one and we write at our own desks. When the letters are written they are handed in for the teacher to correct. If there are too many corrections to make she requires them to be written again, so we have to be careful. When they are all corrected, they are sent to the office and from there they are sent by the mail boy to the city.

LESLIE M. CAIKIN.

Care of the Horses

Every morning and night at 5:00 o'clock another boy and I have to go down to the barn and take care of the horses.

There are six horses and their names are as follows: Colonel, Colty, Dick, Dolly, Dolly Gray, and Jim.

I begin my work by getting down the hay from the hay loft and feeding the horses. After that is done, if the other boy has not finished his work I help him clean the stalls. Then I clean two of the horses while the other boy cleans two others and the instructor cleans the rest.

About every Tuesday and Thursday there is freight which one of us with the instructor goes to the Wharf to get.

NORMAN F. FARMER

How I Spent Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving morning I went to the gymnasium and played on the traveling rings. The one who had the middle ring was "it" for a game of tag.

After a while I went down into the Assembly Room and put on my coat. Then I went out to have some fun.

Finally the bugle blew for dinner. After dinner there was a game between two sides representing the Blue and the Gold. The big boys played mostly. It was a very exciting game and the score was 44 to 6 in favor of the Blue.

Awhile after the game we went in to supper. About 8:00 o'clock we had an entertainment which consisted of musical numbers on the cello, piano and drum; there was also a reader who gave selections. It was a very interesting entertainment and I thank Mr. Bradley for letting me hear it.

NORMAN MOSS.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Devens, Ayer, Mass.

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JOSEPH L. ROBY, Ex. '07, Nov. 21, 1917.
Quartermasters' Corp, North Eastern Depart-

ment, American Expeditionary Force, France.

CHARLES O. ROLFE, '15, November 21,
1917, Battalion B, 81st Field Artillery, Fort
Oglethorpe, Atlanta, Ga.

KARL R. (BRACKETT) VAN DEUSEN, '15,
Nov. 26, 1917, Co. C, 10th New York Infantry,
Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.

FREDERICK E. VAN VALKENBURG, '14,
Nov. 20, 1917, Co. K, 64th Infantry, Fort Bliss,
El Paso, Texas.

Repairing

The corn sheller was brought from the farm to the shop because it was broken and had to be fixed.

At first I took it all apart and then I took a machine drill and drilled some holes in the wood for new bolts to hold the working parts of the sheller to the wood frame. When I had put it all together, I had to take it apart again because it did not work right. I had to take out one of the driving shafts and carry it into the machine shop and put it into the lathe and file it down to make it smaller so the wheel that was on it would fit nearer to the left hand side of the frame. I put it together again and it worked fine.

One other thing I have been doing this week in the shop is to fix some of the dining room chairs. They are taken apart and the glue scraped off the joints and then they are put back with new glue on them. The chairs are sometimes clamped together if the glue does not hold well.

CLIFTON H. SEARS.

An Afternoon's Work

One afternoon when I went out to the Printing Office I was told to correct some galleys. This took me till about 2:30 P. M. I then set up some letters of the alphabet. I finished this at about 3:30 P. M. Then the office boy came down with an envelope. This I was told to set up in 24 point Jenson Italic, 40 ems long. After it was set up, I had to impose it. First the type was slipped out of the stick which it was in on the stone in the middle of the chase, and two bearers were put into the chase, one in each end. Then I put in the wooden furniture and three quoins. It was then locked up and tried to see if it would hold. When I had it so it would, it was taken to the Ben Franklin Gordon press. The press was inked up and a new tympan sheet put on. A proof was taken on the tympan sheet and the gauge pins set in in the right places. After the proof was centered, I took it up to the office. When I came down, I cleaned up the press and picked up type on the sides of the cases and on the bank. When the bell rang, I went in and washed up.

GORDON H. CAMERON.



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Christmas Day

At about 12:06 o'clock Christmas morning we were awakened by some of the instructors outside our dormitories singing carols. They sang for about 10 minutes, when Mr. Bradley came into the dormitories and shouted "Merry Christmas." We always try to get it on Mr. Bradley, but this time he said it first. When they left, most of us went to sleep again. Some of the boys hung up their stockings, just for a joke, not expecting to get anything in them, but someone, we suspect Mr. Bradley, [not guilty - C. H. B.] came around some time in the night and put in cookies and peanuts.

After breakfast about 30 boys with wooden guns, a cornetist, three drummers and one with the cymbals marched down to the Wharf to escort two of the best friends we boys have, our treasurer and our doctor, to the house. When the steamer was only about half way across from City Point the boys began shouting "Merry Christmas," and kept it up until they had landed at the Island. Mr. Adams took the cymbals and Doctor Bancroft the bass drum, and they led the procession up to the house.

At about 10:00 o'clock we marched up to the Assembly Hall to receive our presents. We found the Christmas tree loaded with the smaller presents, and the floor around it heaped up with the larger ones. Besides the presents from home, we each get one from the School, which we choose ourselves, and a box of chocolates given by Mr. Richard Bell, the treasurer of our Alumni Association. One of the men instructors was dressed up in a

Santa Claus suit and he made a very good Santa Claus. When an instructor or a boy got an unusually large bundle we clapped for him. Mr. Bradley threw handfuls of long rubber balloons to us and we had lots of fun blowing them up and keeping them in the air. When about all the presents were given out Mr. Bradley brought in a list and read us the names of some of the friends of the School who had given money for fruit and other things or sent their best wishes over the telephone or through the mail, and there were many of them. As each name was read we cheered for the person. In the midst of the cheering Dr. Bancroft said he wanted to tell us something. He told us we were not cheering right, for when the cheer leader called for a "tiger" we shouted "hurrah" and he said that the proper thing to do was to growl like a tiger. We tried this way immediately by cheering for him. After this when we cheered for anyone we growled for the tiger.

When all the presents were given out one of the boys sang a song. Then we took our presents and went down stairs. At 12:00 o'clock we had our dinner, a regular Christmas dinner: - cranberry sauce, pudding, fruit, nuts, raisins and all the rest.

At about 2:00 we filed down to the West Basement where our uniforms are kept. When we were dressed in our uniforms we went up to the Chapel to see and hear a colored minstrel show furnished by Mr. Adams. It was great there were six colored men in all, four musicians, and two small colored people, called the "kandy kids." The programme was opened by

playing two popular pieces, "Oh, Johnnie" and "Dark Town Strutters Ball." The leader of the company sang a couple of solos. After this they mixed in vocal solos and selections by the orchestra. At first the "kandy kids" came on in dress suits carrying canes. They looked very comical as they chased around, doing all sorts of fantastic stunts and the way they wiggled their legs made you think they were double jointed. At first they clogged to the music, the smaller one seeming to be imitating the larger, although he did it better and funnier than the other. Then they came out again, one dressed like a darkey girl in a red spotted dress and with a flat floppy hat on his head. They next gave us an imitation of a darkey couple dancing the tango. It was a circus. The girl acted very unladylike, turning hand springs and somersaults and every thing else to make it lively and comical. Between the capers of the "kandy kids" the orchestra played some popular pieces and the vocal soloist sang some songs. There was something going on all the time, and they finished up by playing "The Star Spangled Banner" which we sang with them. After this we had a good time outdoors and in the gym till supper time.

After supper we had movies, a 12 reel play entitled "Graustark." It was fine as was every-thing else that day and we all wish to thank the ones who make it possible for us to have such good times.

LESLIE M. CALKIN.

The Christmas Concert

It is a custom in our School each year to have a concert on the Sunday evening before Christmas. The concert was held in the Chapel on the evening of December 23, 1917. The Chapel had been decorated for the occasion and everything made the evening a very pleasant one. Following is the programme:

Song	-	-	-	Joy to the World
				SCHOOL
Scripture				LAWRENCE E. WALTERS
Prayer				

Song	-	-	Hark! A Scound of Music
			SCHOOL
Recitation	-	-	Christmas Welcome
			JOHN E. KERVIN
Song	-	-	Bells of Yule-Tide
			SCHOOL
Recitation	-	-	An Unselfish Boy
			PHILLIP M. LANDRY
Recitation	-	-	Inasmuch
			GEORGE R. RIGGS
Song	-	-	Down from Heaven's Gates
			SCHOOL
Recitation	-	-	Bethlehem
			RICHARD H. HALL
Song	-	-	Holy Night
			SCHOOL
Recitation	-	-	Beautiful Story of Bethlehem
			THEODORE B. HADLEY
Solo	-	-	Manger Lullaby
			OSMOND W. BURSIEL
Recitation	-	-	Good Tidings of Great Joy
			ROBERT L. CLARK
Song	-	-	Oh! Holy Night
			MAICOLM E. CAMERON, WALTER LIND HERMAN L. LINDSAY, NICHOLAS M. SUAREZ, Jr.
Remarks			

MR. BRADLEY

Every one present enjoyed the concert very much.

JOHN E. KERVIN.

Flags

In war times, more so than other times, flags are seen considerably, and especially those of the Allies are noticeable. Here at the School we have the flags of the Allies along with our own School flag. About our School in various places, we display the American flag, on our flag pole, on the front of the Main Building and in each of the school rooms. In our Assembly Hall is the American flag in one corner, the State flag in another, the Union Jack in another and the School flag in the fourth. Half way down the sides of the Hall opposite each other are the English and French flags. All of these flags are on maple poles about five feet long, projecting out from the side of the walls near

the ceiling. Other flags are also displayed in this hall at different times. Our steamer displays the American flag at the stern, and in the bow the School pennant. There is also a flag pole on Cottage Row from which flies the American flag. On Graduation day, Fourth of July, Washington's birthday, and other special occasions flags may be seen about the grounds. Every day the American flag flies from the main flag pole.

All of the flags used here at the School and on the steamer are given by the Treasurer of our School, Ensign Arthur Adams. We feel very grateful towards Mr. Adams for giving us the flags, and we all give him a vote of thanks.

LEROY A. PARSONS.

Cleaning Chapel

One day recently the boys started to clean the chapel.

First they got step ladders and with soap and water washed the ceiling, walls, lights and pictures. The seats were moved out and 10 boys made a line across the floor and each took a strip about 18 in. wide and 30 in. long and scrubbed it about 10 minutes, then wiped it up and scrubbed another strip. Then they changed water and scrubbed the space again and added one more strip before changing again. Again they changed and scrubbed that same space over to draw all the soap out of the wood. It took two days to finish this.

Then they took cloths and rubbed wax on the wood and polished it with a weight brush and gave it the final shine with woollen cloths.

Then the seats were moved back and the chapel looked like new.

FRANKLIN P. MILLER.

The Carol Singers

The night before Christmas the carol singers sang. All of us wore army coats. We sang in different places around the house. The first place we sang was in the Court, then at the corner of the house below the West Dormitory, then at the corner by the Stockroom and finally

we walked down between Gardner Hall and the Power House and down the Back Road singing all the while. In most all of these places money was thrown from windows down to us. As we walked by the Stockroom door Mr. Bradley was there with a basket of apples and we each took one. All the money that was received by the carol singers was divided among them and deposited in our Bank.

Next we went up to Mr. Bradleys' apartment and had refreshments, consisting of chicken sandwiches, cookies, fruit and ginger ale. Later we went into another room of the apartment and sang by the music of the piano. We had a good time.

GEORGE R. RIGGS.

A Pleasant Trip

Most every day in the week except Sunday a boy goes over town to do errands, and take the mail over and get what mail there is at the post-office for the School. We call the boy who does this the messenger boy.

On Wednesday, January 9, I was messenger. We had been walking across the ice to City Point for about a week. But this day when we went down to the Wharf Mr. Bradley did not think that the ice was safe enough to cross, and the "Guardian," a police boat of Boston harbor, came out to the channel and waited until we came out on the ice and got aboard it. The boat backed out of the channel to a place where it could turn around and went to their dock in Boston. We got on a trolley car and went to Scollay Square. I did an errand for Mr. Bradley and started to do the other errands which had been assigned to me before leaving the School. By the time I was ready to go back, the ice was still unsafe to cross, so I had to stay over town that night and I had a very pleasant evening with Mrs. Bradley. The next morning I got the mail at the post office and returned to the Island, with many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley for making it a very pleasant time for me.

LAWRENCE E. WALTERS.

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The year of 1917 has marked our Alumni Association, as it has marked the whole civilized world, with the signs and scars of war. At our semi-annual meeting in May, members had attended who had already enrolled in the military service of the country while at the annual field

day in June. The company was sprinkled with the boys in khaki and blue. Later in the first casualty list of the war, among those lost in the destruction of the U. S. Army transport, "Antilles," by a German submarine, shone the name of Herbert F. Watson, radio electrician, who graduated from The Farm and Trades School in June, 1908.

Herbert F. Watson was born in Norwich, Conn., May 21, 1894, and entered The Farm and Trades School on March 7, 1905. At the outbreak of the war he was employed as a stenographer by the Washburn Wire Company in Worcester. Before entering the service for foreign duty he made a visit to the School and spent a pleasant day with Mr. and Mrs. Bradley amid the cherished associations of his boyhood days. He had corresponded with Mr. Bradley, and a letter from him had been received on Sept. 30, less than three weeks before the disaster claimed him a victim. He had made two successful voyages to France, and was on his third return voyage when the supreme sacrifice was demanded.

Services in his memory were held at the School on Sunday afternoon, October 28. The oration was by Rev. James Huxtable of South Boston by whom he was personally known. Officers were present from Camp Devens, and the Reserve Officers Training Corps of Harvard. A feature of the memorial exercises was the presentation to the School of a service flag containing 48 stars, the gift of Mr. Charles T. Gallagher of the Board of Managers.

The number of graduates now known to be in the service is 65.

The death of Herbert F. Watson in the first group of casualties makes a singular repetition of history, for it is a bit of the glorious record of The Farm and Trades School, that one of her sons was among those who mingled their blood on the streets of Baltimore, in the first clash between the North and the South on April 19, 1861. In the great civil war of fifty odd years ago it was Charles H. Chandler, a graduate of 1854, who, then a youth of 19, en-

listed on April 16, 1861, in Company D, Sixth Massachusetts Regiment of Infantry, and started at once for the defence of Washington, and in their passage through Baltimore received injuries for which he was discharged on May 4th following, after a service of only 18 days.

Information is at hand which shows that not only are the Farm School boys responding loyally to the call of their country, but that their sons also have gone forward quickly and bravely.

The history of the year would not be complete without mention of the death of Mrs. Maria Antoinette Evans, widow of Robert Dawson Evans, a graduate of 1852, who in his life had become the School's most illustrious captain of industry and in point of wealth, held first place. Though not bequeathing direct to the School any of their great wealth, both gave liberally to the educational, art and philanthropic institutions of our city. To The Robert Dawson Evans memorial at the Museum of Fine Arts and the Robert Dawson Evans Memorial building of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital, already existing, are added the benefactions under the will of Mrs. Evans. The two institutions already mentioned will share equally in the residue of the estate, after the payment of certain private debts and dues and the following public gifts: Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the New England Conservatory of Music, \$200,000 each; Tuskegee Institute of Alabama, Simmons College of Boston, American Unitarian Association and Associated Charities of Boston, \$100,000 each; Hale House of Boston, \$75,000; Industrial School for Crippled and Deformed Children and The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, \$50,000 each; Massachusetts Women Suffrage Association, Hampton Institute, Arnold Arboretum, and Harvard Dental School, \$50,000 each; the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Meadville Theological School, \$10,000 each.

These great gifts to these noble causes will benefit the whole community, but every Farm School boy may have the consciousness that these

institutions enjoy them through the munificence of a Farm School boy and his wife.

The passing on of one other person should be recorded. On July 7 last, at his home in Cambridge, there died James A. Page, in his 91st year, who served as instructor at the Farm School, in the winter of 1845-6, and who was at the time of his death the oldest person who had been connected with the School in an official capacity. Mr. Page afterward served for 54 years as a teacher in the Boston Public Schools, but he never lost interest in the Farm School, and was a frequent visitor to it. Always also he regarded his experiences during the long-ago winter as among the most valuable of his long career.

Just as a matter of record there should be inserted in this report the fact that on Field Day in 1917 we were able to see the wonderful changes which had been made in the Main Building of the School by the removal from the tall brick walls of the "pea green paint," which for many generations had covered them, and leaving to view an exterior almost mahogany brown, as seen as a background through the green foliage of the surrounding trees, and enhancing to a great degree the beauty of The Farm and Trades School. Opening the vista from the house toward the south, by the removal of some of the enshrouding trees on the south lawn, is another notable change and improvement that should be mentioned.

With this report of the year, my service as historian comes to an end. It has been a labor of love, and has been performed with a consciousness that in this sphere I have been able to do my little bit for our beloved School.

Respectfully submitted,

William Alcott.

Boston, Dec. 12, 1917.

Calendar

Dec. 1. Howard F. Lochrie, '16, here over Sunday.

Dec. 2. Sorting carrots.

Robert E. Dudley, '16, left the School to

take a position with D. Eddy & Sons, Dorchester, as a carpenter. He will live with Mrs. Hannah B. Wing, 7 Corwin Street, Dorchester, Mass.

Dec. 3. Relocating telephone poles to South End.

Dec. 4. Horse, Topsy, died.

Pigs brought from Whales Back to winter quarters.

Farm House and Root Cellar banked for winter.

Dec. 5. Stored curley cabbage in hot bed.

Dec. 6. Steamer on blocks for ice cutter and winter sheathing and paint.

Dec. 7. Calf killed.

Dressed pig.

Filled in road at South End.

Merton P. Ellis, '97, visited the School over Sunday.

Dec. 11. Calf killed.

Oak acorns stratified.

Doors at pig pen and heifer pen banked for winter.

Dec. 13. Motion pictures in the evening.

Dec. 15. Shelter made over bee house.

Carl H. Collins, '17, visited the School in the afternoon.

The first coasting of the season took place on the Front Avenue.

Harold Y. Jacobs, '10, and Alfred W. Jacobs, '10, came to spend Sunday at the Island.

Dr. W. B. Bancroft vaccinated instructors and boys who needed it.

Dec. 20. Pig dressed.

Dec. 21. Gathering beachwood.

Dec. 23. Christmas concert.

Ernest V. Wyatt, '15, came to spend a few days.

Dec. 24. Working on road at South End.

Miss Dale and 16 boys sang Christmas carols about the buildings in the evening.

Dec. 25. Christmas Day.

Treasurer Arthur Adams and Dr. W. B. Bancroft spent the day here.

Gifts of nuts, raisins and dates from Mr. William M. Flanders, chocolates from Mr. Richard Bell, '73.

Distribution of gifts in the Assembly Hall in the morning.

The Oxley Entertainers here in the afternoon, entertainment provided by Treasurer Arthur Adams.

Motion pictures in the evening.

Dec. 26. Continuation of road work.

Dec. 29. Cold snap began, 2 degrees below zero. Steamer cutting ice in the bay.

Dec. 30. Steamer cutting ice in the bay half the day.

Dec. 31. Load of sawdust and shavings.

Motion pictures in the evening.

Steamer half the forenoon making trip, cutting its way through the ice.

December Meteorology

Maximum temperature 41° on the 1st and 2nd.

Minimum temperature -8° on the 31st.

Mean temperature for the month 23.74°.

Total precipitation 1.85 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, .91 inches on the 1st.

6 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 1 clear day, 27 partly cloudy, 3 cloudy days.

Total number of hours' sunshine, 39 and 40 minutes.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand December 1, 1917	\$541.89
Deposited during the month	\$53.29
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	\$595.18
Withdrawn during the month	\$36.10
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Cash on hand January 1, 1918	\$559.08

Prize Potato Contest

Last summer there was a strip of land which was not in use and one of our instructors thought it a wise idea to have a potato contest. So Mr. Brown, Mr. Dow and Mr. Alexander were appointed a committee in charge.

This strip of land is just north of the Power House. It was plowed and harrowed well. Then the furrows were made for the potatoes. It was then staked off in sections, 11 in all and 11 rows in each section.

The fellows that wanted to take part in the contest signed for the rows which they wanted. The instructors who wished had rows in the second section.

We were to plant our own potatoes and take care of them ourselves. It was understood that they would be cultivated and sprayed by the farm hands. We were to hoe and weed them ourselves.

When the time came to harvest the potatoes, the boys that were in the contest dug and sacked their potatoes and brought them over to the basement of Gardner Hall where they were put to one side by themselves. The weights of each row were recorded in a book. Each instructor and boy who wished selected his largest potato and put it on a small cardboard plate, then the six best marketable potatoes were put on another plate. These were put on two large tables in the middle of the Assembly Hall. The potatoes were put in rows, with a number under each plate to show to whom the potatoes belonged. The night that the prizes were awarded, the boys who took part in the contest were invited to be present. We had a chance to walk around the tables and pick out the six best marketable potatoes and vote on them for first, second, and third prizes. The votes were counted by Mr. Dow and it was found that numbers 17, 25, and 19 were the winners. Next the big potatoes were weighed.

The prizes were awarded as follows:

Section yielding the largest amount.

Section 3.	first prize	
Farmers (returned to School)	\$10.00	

Section 2.	second prize	
Franklin P. Miller	2 rows	\$1.46
Charles F. Weymouth	1 row	.73
Miss Bennett	1 row	.73
Miss Ferguson	1 row	.73

Section 1. third prize

Mr. Alexander (returned to School) \$2.00
 Rows yielding largest amount of marketable Potatoes.

John E. Kervin	\$3.00
William L. Harris	3.00
Franklin P. Miller	3.00

Boy raising most marketable potatoes.

Herbert L. Dudley	\$3.00
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Best selected six potatoes.

Louis R. Croxtall	\$3.00
Shop section	2.00
Franklin P. Miller	1.00

Largest potatoes.

Carl F. Benway	22 oz.	\$1.00
Mr. Ameer	17 oz.	.50
Malcolm E. Cameron	15 oz.	.25

Ice cream and cake was then served and a dance followed.

We went to bed happy and wish to thank Mr. Bradley and the committee.

RUPERT F. CALKIN.

Cleaning Pots

One day I was told to go down to the Furnace Room and clean pots. First I got a pail of hot water and a scrub brush.

I then went down to the Furnace Room. I took about five pots and put them in the pail and when they were wet so I could take the dirt off with my brush I took them out, wet my brush and scrubbed till I got off all the dirt.

Whenever the water got dirty I emptied it and got some clean water. There were some so big that I could not fit them in the pail so I wet my brush in the water and wet the sides and then scrubbed them.

I washed about thirty pots and then I went to school.

ROBERT J. GIESE.

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CLARENCE BURTON, '12, Corporal, December 3, 1917, 104th Infantry, Machine Gun Co., 26th Division, 52nd Brigade, American Expeditionary Force, France.

LESTER E. COWDEN, '16, December 16, 1917, Company H, 39th Infantry, Charlotte, North Carolina.

WILLIAM E. COWLEY, '13, Corporal, December 5, 1917, Co. A, 104th U. S. Infantry, Brigade Division, American Expeditionary Force, France.

BERNHARDT GERECKE, '12, December, 1917, U. S. S. Celtic; care of N. Y. Postmaster.

CECIL E. MACKEOWN, Ex. '11, December, 1917, U. S. S. Virginia, care of New York Postmaster.

FRED J. MANDEVILLE, Ex. '15, December 6, 1917, Company M, 34th Infantry, American Expeditionary Force, Pier 1, Hoboken, N. J.

JACKSON C. NIELSON, Ex. '16, December 17, 1917, Naval Reserve, Commissary School, Division 1, Section 3, Receiving Ship, Commonwealth Pier, Boston, Mass.

Ships Seen In The Harbor

Lately, as the harbor has been frozen over, not many ships have been able to get through but when there is no ice to stop them, we have a good view of all the sea-going ships. In the summer we see many yachts, launches, motor boats, etc., besides numerous fishing boats, some coming in to deposit their cargo, while others are going out to get one. Large ocean liners and cattle boats also may be seen. Sometimes we see an interesting yacht race, or a swift sea sled.

The ships we see now are very different from what we have been used to seeing, for it is nothing unusual to see a submarine or two, battleships or torpedo boats, and destroyers cruising by. Sometimes we see large vessels which are probably transports, bound for Europe with their supplies for our soldiers. ROSCOE BAIRD.

Cleaning the Dish Washer

About once a week it is my job to clean the dish washer.

Frist I take the Dutch Cleanser and get the rust and dirt off of the top and then I wipe that dry. Then I get a brush and old knife and start to scrape the grease from the paddle wheel and from the sides.

After that is all clean I remove the cover from the top and take it over to the sink and scrape it with the knife and get it as clean as I can. I also scrub it with a brush. After it is all clean, I take it back and put it in the compartment where it belongs. It is then scalded out with hot water and that side is all done.

Then the hot water tank or the raising tank is cleaned out and scalded and the work is finished. NORMAN F. FARMER.



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Corporal George Percy Wiley

George Percy Wiley, ex '06, was, so far as known, the first Farm School boy to give up his life in the present world war. He was a lance corporal serving in the Royal Canadian Regiment, and in the brilliant attack on Vimy Ridge last Spring, which resulted in its capture by the Canadian Contingent on April 12, he was struck by a shell and instantly killed.

Corporal Wiley was born in South Boston on Sept. 13, 1892, was admitted to the School on April 12, 1904, and was discharged to his mother April 4, 1906. His father, Samuel P. Wiley, had served in the Spanish war, and passed away, a victim of the war, at Nantauk Point.

Corporal Wiley left the School bearing the good wishes of all, and in a letter written a few days later he wrote to Mr. Bradley saying: "I shall always be thankful for the many happy spent at the School". In 1910 he enlisted in the United States Navy, and served on the U. S. S. Solace, a hospital ship, and at the naval hospital at Annapolis, Md., a total period of four years. He was then about to pass the Massa-

chusetts examination as a registered nurse, a vocation he followed for some time. He was also for some months employed by the Edison Electrical Illuminating Company of Boston.

He joined a Canadian Regiment for overseas service, but just when the record does not state. Last April his mother, Mrs. Agnes Gubian of

164 Center Street, Dorchester, was informed by the Canadian military authorities of her son's death in action, and with the notification came letters from officers and comrades speaking in highest praise of Wiley as a soldier. Major H. Meredith Logan wrote to his mother, "I am sure it will be a consolation to you in your sad bereavement to know that he died a gallant death, fighting like a true soldier in the great cause. Both his comrades and I deeply mourn his great loss, for we all fully realized his worth in the



CORPORAL GEORGE PERCY WILEY

company. Please allow me again to express my very deepest sympathy for you in the loss of your gallant son, who on every occasion showed the very greatest courage and devotion to duty." And Lieutenant John Munro wrote, from "In the Field, France," as follows: "Some

have flown, and the others still march on. Before this reaches you, the war office will have cabled regarding the death of your son, Corporal Wiley. He was killed in the recent fighting, while bravely leading his men on to the victory we so dearly bought. Your son was with B Company for some time, and at all times was a gentleman. As a soldier he did his duty cheerfully and well, constantly keeping the interests of his men and the regiment uppermost. Corporal Wiley fought for freedom and honor, lived a clean life, and although dead, his spirit still lives in his men, and such a death is immortality."

A comrade wrote telling of where he was buried "back behind our lines in the Canadian Cemetery".

And then F. C. Norton, of the 9th Canadian Field Ambulance, who had been a chum, wrote: "Before he went into the trenches, about the second week in April, he gave me his diary to send to you in the event of anything happening to him, but the censor regulations will not permit me to do this. I may be able to give it to you at the end of the war. He had an excellent record in his regiment, and in January he participated in a raid for which he was given the choice of a military medal and ten days leave of absence to England, and he chose the latter. On his last trip he took part in our advance and according to some other men in his platoon, he would surely have received an honor for his work. He was a lance corporal and came out of an attack second in command of his platoon, but was struck on his way out of the trenches."

A Sleigh Ride

As it was impossible to make a trip to City Point with the Steamer, a trail of brush was made from the South End of our Island to Squantum. The ice is about two feet thick. On January 29, Mr. Bradley decided to make a trip to Boston with the sleigh, crossing the ice to Squantum.

We started at 10:30, and Mr. Bradley, a farm instructor who drove the horses, another boy and I went. We reached Boston at 12:10

o'clock. As I was mail boy that day I had my dinner and began to do the errands which I had been given to do. At 4:00 o'clock I went down to the market where I was to meet the sleigh, and at a quarter to five we started on our journey back to the Island.

We reached the house at half past six. This ended the long and very pleasant sleigh ride.

LAWRENCE E. WALTERS.

Recharging Fire Extinguishers

The first thing in charging a fire extinguisher is to turn it up side down and empty it. After it is emptied, the top is taken off and the extinguisher washed out and then nearly filled with water, then a pound and one half of bicarbonate of soda is put into the water, and then stirred with a stick until the soda is all dissolved.

The next thing to do is to get some sulphuric acid. You find a small bottle that is in a wire frame fastened to the top of the extinguisher. Fill this with sulphuric acid up to the marked line.

The wire frame is made of four pieces of wire that extend from the top of the extinguisher. The four pieces of wire are fastened together at the bottom and also very near the top. One of the pieces of wire is loose and is hinged at one end. This is so that the bottle can be put into the frame and when it is put in, the wire is swung back into place and fastened down so that the bottle can not slip out.

The bottle is a small one with a white line on it marked Acid Line. On top of this bottle is a porcelain cap which is tight when in the frame and the extinguisher is upright but when the extinguisher is turned up side down, the bottle is held tight in the frame and the porcelain cap drops off and the sulphuric acid is let out into the soda and water.

When the different ingredients are put in, the top of the extinguisher is screwed on and the extinguisher put back into place.

This has to be done once every year. I have recharged four of them.

CLIFTON H. SEARS.

Weekly Routine

Every week there is something to keep the boys busy. On Monday night there is grade reading in the Assembly Hall, and the fellows are anxious to know what grade they are in.

Tuesday the first graders may go to the reading room in the evening.

Wednesday or Thursday night we usually go to see motion pictures, which are also held in the Assembly Hall.

Friday night the boys in the first grade can go to the reading room if there is not a dance or other entertainment.

Saturday nights we have a bath. On Sundays services are held in Chapel, and when it is hot in the summer we have barge rides. Our noon and night hours are spent in the gymnasium and Band Hall or skating, in the winter, and on the playground or swimming, in the summer.

WILLIAM H. MacDONALD.

Work in the Sewing Room

On Tuesdays the stockings come in to the Sewing Room from the Laundry. First they are sorted. The stockings that are to be discarded are put into one pile and the ones that have no mending to be done on them are put into another pile. The stockings that have to be mended are put into a basket; the black in one side of the basket and the gray in the other side. The stockings are mended by a darning machine.

On Wednesdays and Thursdays the shirts, underwear, pants and coats come in from the Laundry. First the shirts and underwear are sorted together. The ones for handwork are put in one basket and the ones for darning in another. Then the pants and coats are sorted in the same way.

Last of all, sometimes Saturday and sometimes Monday, the sheets are mended. Some of the torn places are sewed up by hand and are then darned on the machine. The pieces that are torn too badly are ripped out of the sheet and a good piece seamed in.

GEORGE R. RIGGS.

Fox and Geese

One afternoon Mr. Bradley asked if some of the boys wanted to go with him down to the Wharf. There were about 20 of us altogether. I was one of them. We marched down the Rear Avenue and on the ice. Before we started out on the ice Mr. Bradley told us to keep about 10 feet apart from each other and if we happened to fall in we were to spread our legs and arms across. We went out as far as the channel where tugs had been cutting through. There were many people skating by City Point. Mr. Bradley had an alpenstock to test the ice to see if it was strong enough to bear our weight. He had this alpenstock when he went up the Alps of Switzerland. Then we formed a circle and made the impression of it in the snow by dragging our feet. When the circle was made we crossed it in three different places. Six boys each took a corner and one got in the middle. The object of the game was that the boy in the center was to get a corner when the others were moving all around. The one without a place was "it" and had to get in the middle. We played three games so that every body would have a chance at it. We formed a line again and walked up to the house. Every boy thanked Mr. Bradley for letting us have so much fun. We spent a pleasant Sunday afternoon.

ALEXIS L. GUILLEMIN.

Chopping Wood

One morning Mr. Dow told me to get an axe and chop wood in the farm house. I went over there and got a lamp and took it down in the cellar and set it on a barrel. Next I split some of the larger pieces and then chopped them into lengths of about six inches for starting the fires. I also cut some about a foot long for the kitchen stove at the Farm House.

At about half past ten I started piling it up in neat piles, a pile for the kitchen and a pile of the short wood. At about five minutes past eleven I went up to the barn. This is what I did for a morning's work.

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month the weather had been unusually cold and ice had been forming in the harbor so that trips with the steamer had been made with difficulty. The ice between the School Wharf and City Point was eight inches thick and except for a channel crossing our path, kept open by tugs going up and down the bay, we could have driven a team across to South Boston. As it was, for three weeks we had been using an improvised ferry at the channel, and walking and skating the rest of the distance. Now the steamer was frozen in at the Wharf. On this crisp winter morning the surface of the ice was hard and the sleighing was good. The heavy pair of team horses was hitched to the express traverse sleigh and driven up to the front door where a photograph was taken of the team and the bullfinch front of the building. Then the head farmer, with two boys and the Superintendent drove across the Island to the south dyke, thence across the ice of the bay to Squantum and to the Quincy Boulevard and then to town, calling on the President of the School who was ill at his home on Bay State Road, on to the State House where another photograph was made of the team and the more important bullfinch structure and thence to the Annual Meeting. After luncheon at one of the old time hostleries and after baiting the horses, provisions were obtained at Quincy Market and the team returned to Squantum and the Island by some of the busier streets of the city. This was the first time in our experience of 30 years here that such a trip was possible with safety. Several times we have crossed on foot on the ice to City Point and Dorchester and once on Sunday, Dec. 8, 1902, the whole School started from the front door across the Island to the Electric car line at Squantum where we took special cars to attend church with one of our Managers in Neponset. One of the daily papers in speaking of the recent incident editorially, expressed surprise in our having a sleigh available. It gives a sidelight on our effort for preparedness and some of the intentions of our education; to be ready when the time comes, to have a wholesome mingling of

January 29, 1918, will be remembered in the annals of this School as a unique experience. It was the day of the Annual Meeting of the Corporation of The Farm and Trades School held at the office of the President, Mr. Alfred Bowditch, 111 Devonshire Street, Boston, Mass. For a

pleasure with business and to put a bright side on what might be considered inconvenience and hardship.

Calendar

- Jan. 1. Motion pictures in the evening. Merton P. Ellis, '97, here over night.
- Jan. 3. Crossing entire way to City Point on foot.
- Jan. 6. Gustaf G. Larsson, '17, visited the School for the afternoon. Stereopticon views on Switzerland and various foreign countries.
- Jan. 9. Guardian, police boat, came up to help make a channel for our steamer.
- Jan. 12. Steamer able to land in Pleasure Bay.
- Jan. 13. Stereopticon views on Jerusalem.
- Jan. 15. Cut down five trees in Bowditch Grove.
- Jan. 17. Motion pictures in the evening.
- Jan. 20. Stereopticon views on Cuba and German ships and German ports.
- Jan. 22. William Lenwood Harris, ex '20, was returned to his mother.
- Jan. 23. Manager Tucker Daland visited the School for the afternoon.
- Jan. 24. Cut out three trees in orchard. Coffee and cake served to boys after coasting during the evening.
- Jan. 26. Still landing in Pleasure Bay. Cut out four spruce trees on Whales Back. Brush cleaned up.
- Jan. 28. Drew wood from sorting ground to wood pile.
- Jan. 29. Superintendent, head farmer and two boys drove to town by way of Squantum on the ice, called on Mr. Alfred Bowditch who was ill, and attended annual meeting.
- Jan. 30. Working on wood pile. Motion pictures on Camp Devens in the evening. The Annual Dinner of the Alumni Association held at the Hotel Lenox.

January Meteorology

Maximum temperature 45° on the 15th and 2nd.
 Minimum Temperature 2° on the 1st, 2nd, 24th and 29th.
 Mean temperature for the month 23.65°.
 Total precipitation 1.84 inches.
 Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, .75 inches on the 16th.
 10 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 1 clear day, 22 partly cloudy, 8 cloudy days.
 Total number of hours' sunshine, 49 and 80 minutes.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand January 1, 1918	\$1059.08
Deposited during the month	\$44.47
	\$1103.55
Withdrawn during the month	\$40.75
Cash on hand February 1, 1918	\$1062.80

Ice

Lately, the wind and cold have been pretty severe. It has been one of the coldest winters on record in the eastern states. The water of Boston Harbor has frozen, rendering our steamer useless, and all communication with City Point has been on foot without much danger of breaking through. At first crossing direct from our Wharf to City Point was not done, but was later when the ice seemed to be getting thicker. The average thickness of the ice was six inches, but was very much thicker in places. As the channel has been kept open, a boat was necessary to cross it. This channel was about 15 or 20 feet wide.

Skating has become quite common at City Point, and a few people from there and elsewhere have ventured out quite far and some of them have finally reached our Island. To prevent their landing, boys have been stationed at different points along the shore, to warn these trespassers that they are not allowed to come here.

This shows how cold it has been, as it takes very cold weather to make skating on salt water possible.

ROSCOE BAIRD.

Cutting Ice

One afternoon when I was working on the steamer Mr. Bradley telephoned down to the steamer to get up steam and have everything ready to go out and cut ice. When we go out in the harbor to cut ice we make a channel from the Wharf over to the Public Landing and then cut it up in all kinds of shapes so that it will go out to sea when the tide is ebbing.

It took us from 11:20 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. to get over to the Public Landing because the ice was so thick. Then we came back to the Wharf and left Mrs. Bradley and went over again to bring back some of the instructors.

JOSEPH KERVIN.

Making A Trip

One afternoon Mr. Brown told three other boys and myself to get ready to make a trip. First we got the boat from the boat house and put two coils of rope in it, one in the bow and the other in the stern. When we were ready we took hold of the rope in the bow and dragged the boat over to the channel. Next we got the rope that was in the stern of the boat and held one end and fastened the other end in a board over the seat. One of the boys got in the boat and rowed it over to the other side of the channel and took the sled out. Then we pulled the boat back, and dragged it to the boat house.

JOSEPH T. GOULD.

Moving Flour Barrels

One afternoon before school Mr. Brown told three boys, including myself, to come down to the west basement. When we got down there he told us what to do. We had to put all the pastry flour in back and bread flour in front. First we moved all the barrels so we could sweep behind them. When we had a strip swept wide enough we put all the pastry barrels in back. Then we swept another strip and put in the bread flour. There was one row of pastry flour and two rows of bread flour. When the bell rang for school I went up to the wash room and got ready for school.

NICHOLAS M. SUAREZ, JR.

Making Boxes

One day last week, Mr. Brown told some other fellows and me to work down in the shop for Mr. Ameer.

When we got down there we were told to make boxes, and we were furnished with the necessary things with which to make the boxes.

We took one side piece and one end piece and nailed them together, and then the other side and end pieces. Then we nailed the bottom pieces and fastened them on.

I made about five boxes while the fellows were in sloyd. When I had finished my fifth box I had to clean out from behind some barrels, and then the bell rang and I went up to the house and got ready for school.

CARL F. BENWAY.

Farm Work in Winter

In winter the farm boys work in the barn sweeping cobwebs, cleaning stalls, and so on. The cow boys clean the cows and the barn boys clean the mangers and put in new bedding and take out the old. There are other places to be taken care of. The Farm House cellar is where carrots, onions and potatoes are kept. The Vegetable Cellar is also another place where vegetables are kept. The wood pile which is back of the Storage Barn is where boys work sawing wood and splitting it. Some boys have had the job of cutting the ice around the young trees. These are some of the things we do on the farm in winter.

LUKE W. B. HALFYARD.

Making a Dike

One day when I got out of the dining room the other dining room boys and I were told to go to South End and help make a dike. The first thing we had to do was to throw the stones against the boards which were nailed to the posts. Then we had to throw the dirt back into the other side of the dike, between the dike and the bank.

After that we had to pick out the sods and lay these in a pile.

While some of us were doing this the others dug the old posts out of the ground. We did not finish because we had to go to our regular work.

ARTHUR W. GAUNT.

Drilling Holes

One day during vacation time I was told to report to Mr. Ameer down in the shop.

He told me to get a strip of iron about 20 feet long, 2 inches wide, and a quarter of an inch thick, and saw it into a strip about 8 feet long. Then after I had the strip sawed as long as I wanted it I marked out places where half inch holes were to be. I took it in the machine shop and placed it on the bench and put on the power. Then I got the strip and placed it on the stand which held it up. Then I put my foot on a starting lever and pushed it so the drill would start. After I had the drill going, I turned a wheel which made the drill go down and make the holes. After I had the holes made I screwed it on the dump cart. I like this work very much.

DANIEL E. SMITH.

Hauling Gravel

One morning before school the supervisor directed two boys and myself to get a sled with a strong rope and go over to North End after gravel. We took shovels along with us and a box to put the gravel in. When we got over there we had to take the gravel out of the barrels where it had been put during the summer.

We got a load and started back. When we reached the playground the sled pulled easy because the playground was icy. We found it still easier at the upper end of the playground because all we had to do was let the sled coast down to the basement of Gardner Hall where we dumped it. We hauled two loads before school.

LAURENCE A. MURPHY.

Sorting Music

One day when I was staying up in the boys' reading room, I was asked to help sort some music while the cabinet was being cleaned.

We first took out the music and put it on the table. We then made places for instructors' and the School's music, the defaced music and the music without any name on it. Miss Dale and Miss Ferguson came in and sorted the unknown music. I then put the names on. By

this time the cabinet had been all cleared and moved back into chapel, so we put the music back.

DONALD B. AKERSTROM.

Cleaning the Band Hall

One afternoon the boy in charge told me to go down to the band hall and clean it.

I went down to the tool room and got a broom, dustpan and brush, went to the band hall and started the work.

First I moved all of the chairs down to one side of the room and swept there, then I moved them to the other side and finished sweeping. Then I moved all the chairs in order. After that I took up the dirt.

I opened the cupboards, swept them out and put the music back where it belonged. After I finished that I straightened all of the cupboards where the instruments are kept and locked them all.

I got quite a pile of dirt and papers that were no good, out of the cupboards.

After it was all done and locked up I went up and got ready for school. This is a very interesting job.

NORMAN F. FARMER.

Working on the Ice

One day Mr. Brown told another fellow and me to go down to the steamer to help the steamer fellows. We had to pull the ice away from the float on the north side where the steamer lay. We pulled the cakes of ice on the float and then we lifted them on the solid ice where we made piles.

After a while the telephone rang. It was a telephone call from the office saying that we were to take the boat to the channel and pull the people across. We didn't dare to pull a boat-full across because it wasn't safe; we took two or three at a time. After we got all the people over we hauled the boat up to the boat house and put it up for the night, then we went back and put up all our tools. Then we came up to the house.

ALTON P. BRAY.

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WILLIAM J. FLYNN, '03, January, 1918, Co. F, 6th Engineers, American Expeditionary Force, France.

THOMAS MILNE, '12, January 19, 1918, 103rd Field Hospital, 26th Div. American Expeditionary Force, France.

PERLEY W. WHITE, '13, Jan. 1918, bugler, Co. C, 101st U. S. Engineers, American Expeditionary Force, France.

HAROLD Y. JACOBS, '10, January 13, 1918, musician, U. S. S. Missouri, care of Postmaster, Fortress Monroe, Va.

CECIL E. MACKEOWN, ex '11, January, 1918, U. S. S. Richmond, care of New York Postmaster.

FRANK A. TARBELL, '13, January 23, 1918, U. S. S. Celtic, care of New York Postmaster.

DONALD M. WILDE, '15, is working in the Courier Citizen Co. of Lowell. He lives with his mother at 53 Sidney Street, Lowell, Mass.

BERNHARDT GERECKE, '12, gives the information that Frank A. Tarbell, '13, is on the U. S. S. Celtic with him. Herbert A. Dierkes, '06, makes at least three graduates on board that ship. Gerecke enlisted the next day after war was declared and was detailed directly to the Celtic.

DANIEL W. LAUGHTON, '01, enlisted in the Ordnance Department, Dec. 12, 1917, and was sent to Fort Slocum, N. Y., then to Tuckahoe, N. J. and then to Camp Upton, N. Y., where he is now in the 6th Co., 152 Depot Bri-

gade. He is expecting soon to go to Camp Jackson, South Carolina.

HAROLD Y. JACOBS, '10, in a recent letter reports his good health and a happy life on board the U. S. S. Missouri.

CHARLES R. JEFFERSON, '14, writes from Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C., where he is with Company C, 5th Mass. National Guard. In July 1917, he was honorably discharged from the 101st Regiment because of poor health but was accepted again shortly after. He is very enthusiastic over his prospects and well and happy.

CECIL E. MACKEOWN, ex '11, states that he has been transferred from U. S. S. Virginia to U. S. S. Richmond for armed guard duty, which, he says, is a body of men picked from the service for gun crews and signal duty on ships going across.

WALTER I. TASSINARI, '14, is learning an electrical trade and working in Taunton, Mass. At present he is running conduit pipes in the new High School Building. His address is 9 Leonard Street, Taunton, Mass.

PERLEY W. WHITE, '13, from "Somewhere in France", reports having seen and being stationed near Franklin Gunning, '14, Clarence Burton, '12, Bernard F. Murdock, '11, Thomas Milne, '12, and Earle C. Miller, '14.

ERNEST V. WYATT, '15, is 3rd officer on the S. S. O. P. Jennings, care of Standard Oil Co. New York City. He says it is a fine boat, a good company to work for and he is earning good money.



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Alfred Bowditch

Mr. Alfred Bowditch, President of the Board of Managers of The Farm and Trades School, died Friday, Feb. 22, after a brief illness, at his home, 75 Bay State Road, Boston.

He had served on the Board of Managers since January 10, 1882, and was the senior member of the Board. In 1884 he was elected Treasurer, and served as such until 1900, a term of 13 years. In 1905 he was elected President, and held the office at the time of his death. A noteworthy coincidence is that his father, the late J. Ingersoll Bowditch, and his brother, Charles Pickering Bowditch, both also had held these offices of Treasurer and President. Their terms of service on the Board of Managers covered 79 years, and aggregated 92 years of service.

Mr. Bowditch was born in West Roxbury, Sept 5, 1855, was prepared for college at Epes Sargent Dixwell's private school, and graduated from Harvard College in 1876. Then he spent the year following in the Harvard Law School.

Throughout a business career of over 40 years he was identified with many important interests, among which were the Provident Institution of Savings in the Town of Boston, of which he was a trustee and a vice-president; the New England Trust Company of Boston, of which he was a director; and he was also a director in the Cambridge Electric Light Company, the Lawrence Gas Company, and the Keith Paper Company of Turner's Falls. In many real estate trusts he had served as trustee.

For many years he had served as treasurer of the Boston Athenaeum, as a director of the Faulkner Hospital of West Roxbury, and as trustee of the permanent funds of both the American Humane Education Society and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

He was connected with the Second Church in Boston, and in that Church on Monday, February 25, the funeral service was held. The edifice was filled with relatives and friends and many unable to secure seats, stood up through-

out the service. The entire group of boys at The Farm and Trades School attended, accompanied by the superintendent and his wife, and six instructors, and they occupied a section on the right of the church. Also about a score of graduates, representing the Alumni Association, attended. The pulpit was banked with flowers. The ushers were Messrs. Henry Jackson, Jr., Malcolm B. Stone, Dr. Harold Bowditch, Ingersoll Bowditch, Dr. Francis Balch, Alfred C. Malm and Clarence W. Loud, the two latter representing not only Mr. Bowditch's office force, but The Farm and Trades School as well.

Rev. Sydney B. Snow, assistant minister of King's Chapel, Boston, officiated in the absence of Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell, minister of the church. The service was simple and brief. The minister read selections from the Scriptures and a poem, and offered prayer. Chopin's "Funeral March" was played on the organ, and the benediction followed.

Interment was at Forest Hills Cemetery, beside his wife, who died three years ago. Mr. Bowditch is survived by three daughters, Mrs. N. Penrose Hallowell (Margaret Bowditch) of Readville; Mrs. Augustus P. Loring, Jr., (Rosamond Bowditch) of Boston and Pride's Crossing; and Miss Mary Orne Bowditch, who lived with her father. There also survive Mr. Bowditch's brother, Mr. Charles Pickering Bowditch of Jamaica Plain, and two sisters, Mrs. Richard Stone (Lucy Bowditch) of Brookline, and Miss Charlotte Bowditch of California.

Mr. Bowditch's Funeral

On February 25, we were told that the entire School would attend the funeral of Mr. Bowditch, the President of the Board of Managers.

Mr. Bowditch has been on the Board of Managers since 1882 as member, Treasurer and President. He has been one of the most capable of Presidents, always having in his mind the welfare of the School and providing in every way for us.

We went to City Point in the Steamer, "Pilgrim", the large lifeboat, and the "Mary Chilton". When we landed at City Point, we

were told which of the two special cars we were to take. When we reached the Unitarian Church on Beacon Street we got off the cars and went in. The organist was playing the prelude as we entered. The minister commenced the service by reading the Scripture and a short prayer and then the organist played a solo. The service was very short but was impressive. Around the casket were heap of flowers, roses, lilies and many other kinds in wreaths, sheafs and other arrangements. These were all given by the many friends of Mr. Bowditch.

Many of our Managers and other prominent men in Boston were present as Mr. Bowditch was a very prominent man in financial and other circles in Boston.

About a score of our graduates were there representing the Alumni Association, and also Alfred Malm and Clarence Loud, representing the Alumni and Mr. Bowditch's office.

Mr. Bowditch has given many things to the School that make it most pleasant for us and gave the Temple Consolation Prizes when Mr. Temple died.

He was a good man and a very good friend of the School and we were all very sorry to hear of his death. We all wish to extend our sincerest sympathy to the relatives of Mr. Bowditch.

GORDON H. CAMERON.

Mr. William Alcott

Monday, Feb., 4, 1918, we were visited by Mr. William Alcott and his daughter. Mr. Alcott is a graduate of the School and came that day to celebrate the 40th anniversary of his coming to the School.

Mr. Alcott arrived in the afternoon and it was snowing as he came across the ice from City Point. Upon his arrival he went around visiting the different departments. He came into the Printing Office where I was working and told me what the Printing Office was like when he was a pupil of the School. Mr. Alcott is night city editor of the Globe so he naturally would be interested in printing. That evening after grade reading Mr. Bradley asked Mr. Alcott

to speak to us, which he did. He first spoke of his life at the School and of the improvements that have since taken place.

Mr. Alcott has a son at the front and it happened he had brought with him some letters received from him, which he read to us. They were very good.

Mr. Alcott remained at the School that night and returned to the City the following morning, crossing the ice to City Point.

LEROY A. PARSONS.

Motion Pictures

One night we had some motion pictures about the training camps where the recruits train and prepare themselves for active service in Europe. They were shown digging trenches and preparing them, throwing bombs, firing machine guns, charging and capturing a trench and going "over the top".

Besides these things, the pleasant side of life was shown us. Football was one of their games; "Blind Man's Biff", which consisted of two men boxing with their eyes blindfolded, was another. These are only two of the many ways they have of amusing themselves.

We have motion pictures once a week, and occasionally Mr. Bradley shows us some stereopticon pictures, which generally consist of scenes in foreign countries.

ROSCOE BAIRD.

The Wash Room

The Wash Room is situated in the Main Building. It is 32 ft. 1 in. long, 13 ft. 9 in. wide and 9 ft. 1 in. high. Here are kept the boys' towels and toothbrushes. The towels are changed every Wednesday and Saturday night. The farm instructors keep their towels in the Wash Room, also the engineer, sloyd instructor, supervisor and watchman. The barbers have their things in the Wash Room too.

In the morning one boy cleans the Wash Room and one in the afternoon. The boys who clean the Wash Room see that the brass is shined, and the sinks cleaned and the floor swept.

CARL R. F. ATKINSON.

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At the April meeting of the Managers, a notable tribute and memorial to the late President of the Board was presented and unanimously adopted with a rising vote.

We print it as presenting in brief the career of a strong man and the progress of the School in a period covering more than a third of a century.

ALFRED BOWDITCH

The members of your Committee appointed for the purpose beg leave to present to the Managers a brief Memorial of the late Alfred Bowditch, President of the Board.

For more than three-quarters of a century men of Mr. Bowditch's kin and blood have been continuously connected with the direction of the affairs of The Farm and Trades School. The name now disappears from our list of Managers but the influence and record of achievement remain.

Alfred Bowditch took his place as a Member of the Board on the tenth day of January 1882 being then twenty-seven years old; when he died, February twenty-second 1918 no one remained of those who first met him as an associate. For thirty-six years without stint he gave service and interest and absorbing enthusiasm to the work of this famous School on a charity foundation.

When he came to the Board the funds of this foundation amounted to One Hundred and Ten Thousand (110000) Dollars; when he died the schedule of its investments footed up to Five Hundred Thousand (500000) Dollars. Nor is this all; for the School Plant in that period has been enlarged by the erection of Gardner Hall and the Power House and the new Wharf as well as by the new Steamer and the Telephone and Submarine Cable connecting with the mainland and by the Water Service securing through a six-inch main the advantages of the Metropolitan System: not to mention a general bracing and efficiency throughout the entire Island.

But all these things sound commercial and material unless they also show a development in the work of the School and through the work of the School a product in its graduates displaying those fine civic qualities and the manliness and courage of a responsible democracy for which the School exists and works. In proof of this there are more than Two Thousand graduates to answer.

These were the things Alfred Bowditch would recount with pride.

It is some test of this feeling on his part when we remember that in later years he had

always at his elbow in the confidential relation of personal secretary a Farm School graduate because he displayed the qualities of conscience and self-reliance and adaptability and trustworthiness which naturally follow from a boy's life and teachings on Thompson's Island.

In this period, too, the Alumni of the School have become represented by holding a place on the Board of Managers. Such action of the Managers recognizes that merely to graduate and to receive a diploma do not end their relation to the Institution they have loved; but that they are always liable to be called upon to take the responsibility of sharing in control and direction. It means, also, that those who are willing to plan and provide, to teach civic virtues and the principles of democracy must be eager and willing, by meeting on a common ground, to practice them.

None of these things need to be said by one Member of our Board to another because we all know them and much more; but it seems fitting that they should be entered upon our Records to show, when others follow us, that the work of this School which as we hope has just began was well maintained by the counsel and aid of Alfred Bowditch who gave to it out of a great store, his very best.

TUCKER DALAND
FRANCIS SHAW
MELVIN O. ADAMS

Calendar

Feb. 1. Mr. Dow with Mr. Bradley drove a new horse with a carriage, sleigh and harness from Newton to the Island. Gift of Manager I. Tucker Burr.

Dance given by the 1st class.

Feb. 2. A new trail of spruce trees was laid across the ice to City Point. Mr. Bradley and a party drove across the ice in a sleigh to Squantum.

Feb. 4. Cold and raw.

Three tugs trying to cut their way up through Dorchester Bay.

Mr. William Alcott, '84, and daughter Mari-

on, visited the School, staying over night. They rode on sleds from City Point to the channel, were hauled across the channel made by the tugs going up the bay, in a boat and Mr. Bradley met them on this side of the channel with a sleigh, in which they rode to the house.

Mr. Alcott spoke in Chapel after grade and before motion pictures.

Feb. 5. Miss Marion Alcott returned to town in the early morning in a sleigh by way of Squantum.

Mr. William Alcott returned to town in the afternoon.

Feb. 7. Blacksmith here.

A Saint Bernard dog, Barnaby Rudge, arrived.

Mrs. Bradley saw two robins, the first of the season.

Feb. 9. Leslie D. Eggleston, ex '20, was returned to his parent.

Feb. 11. Telephone man here to examine wires.

Feb. 14. Last trip across the ice to Squantum.

Howard B. Ellis, '98, here for the night and assisting with music for dancing until 12:00 P. M.

Feb. 15. Ice still melting fast.

Feb. 16. Leon I. Fisher, was returned to his mother.

Feb. 18. Two basketball games between the four teams.

Feb. 19. Ice practically gone from channel and about the Wharf.

Feb. 20. A flag pole presented by Thomas G. Stevenson and Woman's Relief Corp, December 15, 1897, blew down during the heavy wind of today.

Feb. 21. Manager Dr. Henry Jackson telephoned concerning the serious illness of President Alfred Bowditch, at that time.

Feb. 22. Manager George L. DeBlois visited the School.

Game, King Philip, took place in the afternoon.

President Alfred Bowditch died at 10 o'clock this evening,

Feb. 25. Practically all of the boys with some of the instructors and Mr. and Mrs. Bradley attended the funeral of President Alfred Bowditch at 2:30 at the Second Church (Unitarian) of Boston.

Feb. 26. Heavy wind. The Steamer landed at the Pumping Station and remained there until late in the evening when the wind had gone down somewhat.

Filled in wash outs in roads.

Feb. 27. Private Arthur J. McKay, "Shell-Proof Mack," Norwich University, '07, 23rd Battalion, Queen's Royal East Surrey Regiment, who went "Over the Top" in France and came home with five wounds, spoke to the boys in the Assembly Hall.

February Meteorology

Maximum temperature 54° on the 20th and 25th.

Minimum Temperature -10° on the 5th.

Mean temperature for the month 25.15°.

Total precipitation 1.56 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, .86 inches on the 26th.

6 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 0 clear day, 20 partly cloudy, 8 cloudy days.

Total number of hours' sunshine, 21 and 15 minutes.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand February 1, 1918	\$1062.80
Deposited during the month	\$7.05
	<u>\$1069.85</u>
Withdrawn during the month	\$9.83
Cash on hand March 1, 1918	<u>\$1060.02</u>

"Shell-proof Mack" From the Trenches

Wednesday evening, February 27th, we were delighted to hear that we had with us a real soldier, a British Tommie from the trenches who was to tell us some things about his life in

the trenches and the great war over there.

First the band played two or three pieces, then Mr. Bradley introduced the speaker, who is a graduate of Norwich University, the military college of Vermont, of which Mr. Bradley is a trustee.

Private Mack first told us how he got into the fight. He changed his name, which in reality is McKay, to Mack. He told the recruiting officers he was born in Ireland instead of the United States, for he knew that they would not take him in the English army if they knew he was an American. He passed the tests and was placed in an Irish regiment. He then told us something of his life in the trenches and of the strict discipline that they have in the British Army. He gave us several instances of men overstepping the discipline and of some of the foolish excuses they give and of the serious way in which they were punished. He told us how he received his three wounds and how he was finally honorably discharged from the service because of his physical condition as a result of being gassed. He also told us something of the conditions over there, some of which were humorous and good, some sad and disagreeable. He paid a very high and sincere tribute to the Red Cross and its sisters over there and said that better treatment than they give the men could not be asked for, and that for no greater or better cause could money be given; that they and their workers were, in fact, one hundred per cent perfect in almost every detail.

His talk was excellent; we could have listened to him for hours without losing interest, and if his book, which he is writing, and is soon to be published, is as good as that talk, it will be well worth anyone's time to read it.

LESLIE M. CALKIN.

King Philip's War

February 22nd all the fellows gathered in the gymnasium in the afternoon, to appoint the squads and squad leaders. King Philip, that is Herbert Dudley, gathered his followers over to one side of the gymnasium, and General Cole

did the same. There was whispering on both sides during the appointment of squad and squad leaders.

After this was settled General Cole was given eight minutes to get to South End and get his headquarters located. I was on the settlers' side and was appointed one of the scouts of my squad of 10 fellows.

It was my duty to report to my leader when I saw any Indians coming. A few minutes later my squad came around to where I was scouting, having received orders from the General to come up to where he was located. Then the fun began. We went around the Compost Shed and cut across the field and went around the old barn where we met our general and an officer. We went back to the hill on which the Observatory stands and then went over to our main fort.

There we joined the squad left there to guard the fort, and went up to the farmhouse where the General told us to wait until we received further orders. He crossed the field to go over to the Observatory, but when half way over two squads came by the gap by the corral. They were told to go around by the beach road. The two squads left at the farmhouse were then called, and we crossed the field, all of us running, and met the other two squads by the Compost Shed where we joined hands and started up to the orchard.

There, King Philip and his men were joining forces. We got about 30 yards from them when they broke ranks and ran up the front lawn, the settlers following. In front of their fort they stopped and joined hands.

The settlers did the same thing, and then made a charge, only to go off their bounds and had to try it over again. We captured a few prisoners. Then the Indians made a retreat and we captured their fort. We chased them over to our fort which they captured, releasing some of the prisoners.

As I was left up at the Indians' fort after we captured it, I did not see the rest of the war. Later one of the boys saw an instructor, who said we could go out front as it was all over. We went out front and saw the blues marching up.

We thought sure our side had won, but a few seconds later, when they got nearer the house, we saw that the Indians were the victors. They marched around the house a few times with the drum, cornet and banner, and after supper they went up to the gymnasium and had the "big eats", to which our officers were invited.

LAURENCE A. MURPHY.

Working in the Corn Barn

One day recently, I was sent with another boy down to the Corn Barn to shell corn. First we piled up a barrel with unshelled corn and then we started the corn sheller going. I turned the crank most all of the afternoon while the other boy would put in the corn. We worked rather fast and we soon had a bushel of corn shelled. We dumped that into the barrel and started all over again to fill the box.

Later we took off the corn that was left on the cobs. We had not quite finished when a boy came down and told us it was time to go up to the barn. Soon after the bell rang and I went up to the house to wash for supper.

EUGENE S. PAMELL.

My Work All Day

Every morning before school I work in the gymnasium. I sweep the floor and dust the window sills and the beams. Afterwards I put the books in order and water the plants. Then I take care of the waste, and then it is time to go to school. When the bell rings I shine my shoes, wash up, comb my hair and line up and go to school. I go to school at 8:45 o'clock and stay until 11:15, when I go downstairs and get ready for dinner.

After dinner I go in the kitchen and do my work. At about 2:00 o'clock I get out and play until 5:00 o'clock. Then I go in the kitchen again until 5:30 when I go to supper.

After supper I work until about 7:00 o'clock and go to bed.

I like my work pretty well.

JEAN GUILLEMIN.

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

WILLIAM N. HUGHES, '59, President Dorchester	JAMES H. GRAHAM, '81, Vice-President Boston	SOLOMON B. HOLMAN, '50, Vice-President Dorchester
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William Alcott, '84, was a visitor to the School on Monday, Feb. 4, accompanied by his eldest daughter. They came across the frozen bay from City Point that afternoon, the date being the 40th anniversary of Mr. Alcott's entrance to the school, on Feb. 4, 1878. It was on a Monday afternoon, too. Mr. Alcott and his daughter spent the night here, and after the grades were read, he spoke briefly to the boys in Chapel, telling of his first night as a Farm School boy. He also told of the first class in printing started here, of which he was a member, and of entering a Boston printing office when he left School. He is now night city editor of the Boston Globe.

He was born in South Boston, June 13, 1868. When he left the School it was to live with a brother in Chelsea. Of the 34 years that have since passed, he spent the first four years with Boston printers, and on Feb. 18, 1888, 30 years ago, he became an assistant reporter on the Chelsea-East Boston district for the Globe. In a few months he was given the Chelsea-Everett district, which he covered until transferred to the city staff in 1901. In 1906 he was appointed night city editor.

For over 20 years, while living in Chelsea, he was identified with its civic affairs. He was one of the three who in 1896 bought the Chelsea Gazette and published it for three years. He

was interested in the no-license movement, and served as chairman of the Citizens No-License Committee and as editor of its organ, the Eye-Opener. Formerly connected with the Central Congregational Church, he served on the Advisory Board and the Prudential Committee, and as president of the men's club, and since his connection with the First Congregational Church in Chelsea, after he removed to Everett, he has served as chairman of the Advisory Board and of the Committee on Benevolence and Missions, as deacon, and for 10 years as leader of a class of young men in a Bible School. For the past eight years he has been managing trustee of the New England Home for Deaf Mutes in Everett. He served the Alumni Association for six years as historian.

In 1893 he married Cassie D. Eagles of Chelsea. Five children have been born to them, and their two eldest sons are now in the service, one in France with the 14th Regiment of Engineers (Railway), and the other with the United States Naval Reserve Force.

NILS G. NELSON, '96, in a recent letter told of his travel since leaving the School. He commenced working on a farm in Vermont but soon drifted into the theatrical world and has travelled with companies several times from coast to coast. He is at present working at the State Hospital No. 2, St. Joseph, Mo. He can always be reached through Little Sioux, Iowa.

Valentine's Night

February 14, Valentine's night, all the boys put on their uniforms and went to the Assembly Hall. It was beautifully decorated with twisted crepe paper reaching from the center to the corners of the room. In the center of the room hung a large ball of flowers. The lights were covered over with crepe paper in the shape of a heart, and on the table in the front of the room

was a box of hyacinths and on the piano a box of crocuses and in the windows were boxes of flowers which were in bloom. In the corners of the room were chairs and sofa pillows. The boys' benches were in the center of the room and the instructors' in the back part of the room. We had motion pictures and dancing for which the piano and drums played.

ROLLINS A. FURBUSH.



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Easter Concert

On the afternoon of March 31, we had our Easter Concert. The programme was as follows:

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING HYMN

SCHOOL

SCRIPTURE

LE ROY A. PARSONS

PRAYER

RECITATION

GORDON H. CAMERON

Greeting

SONG

SCHOOL

Praise Ye Jehovah

RECITATION

GEORGE R. RIGGS

Easter Morning

DUET

WALTER LIND, HERMAN L. LINDSAY

Risen King

EASTER STORY

READER LAWRENCE E. WALTERS

SOLOIST MALCOLM E. CAMERON

RECITATION

HERBERT S. TIBBETTS

A Vision of Gardens

SONG

SCHOOL

Fear Ye Not

RECITATION

JOSEPH T. GOULD

The Angels are Silently
Watching the Tomb

SOLO

OSMOND W. BURSIEL

Calvary

RECITATION

DONALD B. AKERSTROM

The First Easter

SONG

SCHOOL

Jesus, the Saviour, is Risen

RECITATION

WALTER W. F. MANN

Easter

SONG

SCHOOL

The Chimes Awake

RECITATION

RICHARD H. HALL

Easter Day

SONG

SCHOOL

Hail to the Victor

REMARKS

MR. BRADLEY

JOSEPH T. GOULD.

Choir Robes

The choir robes were made the week before Easter. The sewing room instructor, sewing room boys, and another instructor had a share in making them.

The gowns consisted of a white surplice and a black skirt. The material used for making the surplice was white Indian Head and the skirt was made of black sateen.

The first thing to do was to cut them from a pattern. Then seams were pinned and stitched. Gathers and round yokes were put in.

Twelve boys were sent into the sewing room to be fitted. After the boys had been fitted they were sent out to their work.

The hems were turned up on the bottom of the sleeves and properly pinned. Then the hems were stitched. The skirts were made of two widths of black sateen. Hems were turned on both ends and stitched. Twelve boys wore the choir robes at the Easter concert. Under the robes the boys wore their uniforms with a white collar, and they looked very well. I like to make these robes.

GEORGE R. RIGGS.

Making Potato Soup

One morning the kitchen instructor decided that the boys were to have potato soup for dinner the next day.

I went down to the West Basement and brought up about a bushel and a half of potatoes, which were washed and peeled. As we peeled them we put them in a stock kettle half full of water. This kettle is about two feet in height and five feet in circumference.

The next morning the potatoes were taken out of the kettle and put into two steam baskets about half full of water. A quarter of a cup of salt was put in each, then all was placed in the compartment steamer for one hour.

When the potatoes were cooked they were mashed into the cast iron steam kettle and two cans of milk mixed in with them. Then it was well stirred while boiling. After a little while a pound and a half of butter was put in, then some salt and pepper. It was left to boil for about two hours. A boy was appointed to watch it and stir it.

At quarter past eleven the Dining Room boys took it in and the dinner was ready.

I like to make potato soup as well as eat it.
 AEXIS L. GUILLEMIN.

Picking up Drift Wood

One morning when I went down to the farm I harnessed Colonel to the dump cart and picked up drift wood. I started at the Wharf and went around South End. Every year a great deal of wood drifts in on the Island and the boys on the farm haul it to the sorting grounds and then to the woodpile. The wood is used in the bakery and kitchen stoves.

JOSEPH KERVIN.

Spraying the Pigs

On Wednesday, March 29, I helped George Vincent spray the pigs with kerosene, hot water and soap. In order to spray the pigs, we had to tackle them and put them down and turn them on their backs, so that we could spray their stomachs. First we sprayed the smaller pigs and then the largest ones.

There are 22 pigs in all.

NORMAN MOSS.

The Flag Pole

Our big main flag pole which has stood on the playgrounds by the northwest corner of our big buckthorn hedge, was given to the School on Dec. 15, 1897, by the Thomas D. Stevens Post of the G. A. R. of Roxbury. It was immediately raised with fitting services and has stood and displayed our national emblem for 21 years. It was snapped off short at the base on Feb. 20th. Mr. Bradley at once got another to take its place because in war times especially we want our flag to fly as high as possible. He bought a big 75 foot steel pole, but we could not very well get it over here and put it up in the winter, so he decided to cut a smaller wooden one to take its place until the large one could be set up. This was raised March 9th. The next day we assembled at the flag pole for services attending the first raising of our flag on that pole. We sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America" accompanied by the band, and then Mr. Bradley spoke to us, telling of other flag poles and how long they had stood and by whom they were presented. We were each given a small American flag, then the flag was raised to the air of "The Star Spangled Banner". It was hauled up by Private Eldred W. Allen one of our graduates who is in the Service.

LESLIE M. CALKIN.

The Vegetable Cellar

The Vegetable Cellar is near the Farm House. In it are six bins, in which potatoes are kept. In another room the carrots are kept. Above the potatoes are the cabbages. We do different jobs in the vegetable cellar, such as sorting potatoes, wiping carrots, sweeping cobwebs off the ceiling, raking the floor and sorting cabbages. In sorting potatoes we put the good ones into a bin and bag up the rotten ones. In wiping carrots we take an old bag and wipe off all the dirt. Then, if they are good we throw them into a good pile, and the rotten ones we put into another pile.

When we sweep the cobwebs we take a broom and put a bag on it and tie it. We tie this bag on in order to do our work thoroughly.

ROBERT E. NICHOLS.

The Derrick

Thursday morning, March 7, 1918, some of the fellows who work before school went down to the basement of the Stock Barn and brought up the derrick that was used in raising the temporary flag pole. Mr. Brown sent a couple of fellows down to the wood pile for some strong sticks. When these were brought, they were sawed in two, making four sticks in all. These we put under one of the poles of the derrick and with two boys lifting on each stick. We lifted the heavy end on a cart, while the boys held the other end. When we reached the place where the old flag pole stood, we took the derrick off the cart and went after the other parts. These were another long pole, a wooden frame and an iron brace.

LAURENCE A. MURPHY.

The Indian Club

The Indian Club is the 19th sloyd model. It is made from a piece of wood four inches square and 19 inches long.

The center is first found on each end and the corners cut off with a hatchet. It is then put on the lathe and cut down with a gouge to within an eighth of an inch of the finished diameter.

With the smooth cutting chisel it is cut down to the required diameter, shaped, and the trimmings put on.

It is then sandpapered with coarse and fine sandpaper and shellacked.

MALCOLM E. CAMERON.

A Lottery

As we lined up one afternoon, Mr. Bradley held up a dollar bill. He explained to us that on the bill was a number, and that he was going to give it to the fellow that guessed the nearest to this number. Beginning at the back line, each fellow gave the number he thought was on the bill. The numbers given ranged from 6,000 to 8,000,000, which was the last number given. As the number on the bill was 80,000,000 and some odd number, the last guesser won the dollar. Rollins Furbush received the money.

ROSCOE BAIRD.

Shelling Corn

One day Mr. Dow told another boy and me to go down to the Corn Barn and shell two bushels of corn. After we got down there we got a basketful of corn from one of the bins. The other boy turned the crank of the corn sheller while I put in the corn. We took turns at the crank. When the corn came out of the corn sheller the cobs fell in one box and the kernels into another. On some cobs there were few kernels of corn, so we shelled them by hand. After we had shelled the two bushels of corn, we cleaned up the Corn Barn and then went up to the barn.

THEODORE B. HALLEY.

An Afternoon's Work

Friday, March 29, there was no school so I worked in the Sloyd Room with some other boys, making decorations for Easter. This year we had a chancel railing for part of our decorations. I worked making the spindles for the railing. They were made out of white wood. The spindles were all shaped out but had to be made better. Two boys would plane the faces and pass them on to be filed. The next group of boys would file and pass them on to be sandpapered. When they had a certain number finished they would take them down stairs where the railing was being made. After the spindles were all finished, the Sloyd Room and Shop were swept and we went to wash for supper. I enjoyed the afternoon very much.

JOHN E. KERVIN.

Cleaning Out the Shrubs

The last few days before school it has been my work to help clean out the shrubs along the Back Road. Usually there are four boys working there, one at each end, one in the middle and the other one or two to carry away the leaves.

When the boys start raking they begin as near as possible to the lawn so as to cover as much ground as they can. The leaves that collect there during the fall and winter have to be raked out in the spring. The leaves are taken to the leaf mold behind the Storage Barn.

CHARLES F. WEYMOUTH.

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Opportunity is looking for the man with initiative. She needs him more than he needs her.

And who is the man with initiative? Simply the man who can do the right thing, at the right time, in the right way, without being told. He is the man who does not wait upon his "boss" to tell him how, when and what—to do. He relies

upon his "boss" to aid his plans, but not to make his plans.

If you can follow instructions, and follow them well, you are above the average; there will always be a place for you in the world of affairs.

But, if you can exceed your instructions in doing the things that ought to be done, then you are among a chosen minority. Destiny has picked you for special preferment—you have initiative.

Initiative is the power to create, all else is but the ability to imitate. And for every man who can create an idea, there are a thousand who can skilfully imitate it. For each person who can move forward on his own impulse, there are scores who can go ahead if only some one else will supply the impulse. This is the same as saying that real initiative is very rare; therefore it is in great demand.

We need in this world the men who can "carry the message to Garcia", but still more do we need the man who can furnish the message.

Cultivate, therefore, the habit of being a selfstarter in both thought and action. I give you a simple test; think, of one new thing, today, which you can do for your school's or your employer's interests. Then do it. That will be initiative; you and will find that it is made up of about one part superior ability and three parts superior determination.

Repeat the test tomorrow, the next day, and the day after, until it becomes the habit of your thought and life to explore new fields and break down old ruts. That will make of you a success as your own taskmaster, which is the first great stepping-stone to other successes beyond.

Suggested by J. Ogden Armour's "Initiative"

Calendar

March 1. Motion pictures in the evening.

March 2. Mr. F. Clifford Shaw spent the afternoon at the School.

Eldred W. Allen, '16, spent the night at the School.

- March 4. Review week opens.
- March 7. A blizzard with quite a fall of snow.
- March 9. Raised a temporary flag pole. Ellsworth S. Wilkins, '17, visited the School.
Eldred W. Allen, '16, private at Fort Banks, Winthrop, Mass., visited the School over Sunday.
- March 10. Ernest V. Wyatt, '13, came to spend the night here.
A heavy rain, then freeze. The trees covered with ice.
Appropriate exercises, with band and singing, were held in the afternoon, while the flag was being raised on the temporary flag pole.
- March 11. Theodore J. Gould, '16, left the School to take a position with Mr. H. S. Chadbourne, Milford, Mass. in a hardware store.
- March 13. Five boys went to the oculist's. Mr. Arthur Beane with nine Harvard students gave an entertainment in the evening.
- March 14. Motion pictures in the evening.
- March 15. Hard wind. Difficult crossing. Winter term closes.
- March 16. Jean Guillemin went to the oculist's.
Lorin L. Babcock, ex. '18, visited the School for the afternoon.
- March 17. Warmest day since November 18, 1917.
- March 18. John A. Robertson was taken to the City Hospital for a sprained ankle.
- March 20. Howard B. Ellis, '98, spent the night here. Drilled band.
- March 22. Secretary Tucker Daland spent the afternoon at the School.
- March 26. Leslie H. Barker, '13, now in the 2nd Naval District, Woods Hole Station, Woods Hole, Mass., spent a few hours here.
- March 25. Spring term opens.
- March 28. Manager Francis Shaw spent the afternoon at the School.
- March 29. Decorated Chapel for Easter.
- March 31. All clocks were set ahead one

hour, as per daylight saving order.

Easter Concert in the afternoon. Services opened by choir boys.

Captain A. L. Dix with his niece spent the afternoon with us.

March Meteorology

- Maximum temperature 60° on the 31st.
- Minimum temperature 11° on the 11th.
- Mean temperature for the month 28.21°
- Total precipitation .56 inches.
- Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, .19 inches on the 14th.
- 5 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 4 clear day, 23 partly cloudy. 4 cloudy days.
- Total number of hours' sunshine, 105 and 70 minutes.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand March 1, 1918	\$1060.02
Deposited during the month	\$24.72
	\$1084.72
Withdrawn during the month	\$20.80
Cash on hand April 1, 1918	\$1063.92

Scouring Carving Knives

Carving meat makes carving knives dull and stained, so I sharpen and scour them.

To sharpen them I use a round sharpener and draw the knife over it, first on one side, then on the other. I do this about 20 times to get a sharp, even edge.

Then I powder some bristol brick, wet a cork, rub the cork in the powder and scour the knives with it. When they are scoured I wash them in warm water and dry them for future use.

FRANKLIN P. MILLER.

An Aeroplane

Recently I made an aeroplane for one of the boys to put on his cottage. It is made of pine and is about 18 inches long. The propeller is eight inches long and revolves on a screw. The rudder is painted red, white, and blue and the rest of it is steel gray. It is on top of the flag pole of the Tritonia cottage and goes around with the wind.

FRANK E. WOODMAN.

Scrubbing the Launch

Recently the steamer boys scrubbed the launch and prepared it for painting. We got some hot water from the steamer, two brushes and some soap, and went up to the launch and started scrubbing. We put some sal soda in the water; this made the dirt come off easier. It was hard work at first, but as we scrubbed, it seemed to be easier. One side was finished in the morning and half of the other side in the afternoon. After we finished the sides we had to do the decks and the inside of the launch.

LAURENCE A. MURPHY.

Making Sheets

To make sheets we use unbleached sheeting. There are different sizes, the long and the short. The width of the long sheets is 63 in. and they are 99 in. long. The short sheets are 89 in. long and 63 in. wide. First we turn a small hem about 1-8 of an in. wide and pinch it down hard so that it will stay and then we turn it over again 1 in. wide. We do the same on the other end. We have to be careful to get it even because if we don't we sometimes have to do it over. Then we baste it with nice, even stitches, so it will stay down. We then have to stitch it. After it has been stitched we take out the bastings, then the sheet is finished.

DESMOND ANDERSON.

Burning Grass in Front Grove

The other day I was playing marbles when Mr. Brown came up and asked the other boys and myself if we wanted to have some fun burning grass. I said "yes" and we got iron rakes and then we went down and Mr. Brown started the fire. When it went out in some places we raked up some grass and let it catch on fire and put it where the fire had gone out. About the last part of the afternoon it began to rain. We did not get it all burned. I think Mr. Brown will have it burned over. Then we went up to the House and got ready for the Bakery, the Kitchen, and Dining Room.

HARRY W. GOULD.

A Trip for Shavings

One day some fellows went down to the steamer to prepare to get a load of shavings from the Point. When the scow was made fast, the boys that didn't have anything to do stood on the stern of the scow, while two others pumped out the water. After a while two other fellows relieved them at the pump.

The pump is made of galvanized iron and is about five and a half feet long and has a long wooden plunger.

When the water was almost out we started for City Point.

Arriving there we waited for the team which came after a short time. There were 41 bales of shavings and we soon had them on the scow. Then we got ready to leave for the Island. On the way over we talked about the things we saw. When we landed we went to school, and the shavings were taken off the scow by the steamer fellows who used the derrick.

We all had a fine time and hope we can go again some day. WILLIAM H. MACDONALD.

Hauling Carrots

One morning when I went down to the farm I was told to help one of the other fellows haul carrots. We hitched up Dolly Gray to the freight cart and went over to the Vegetable Cellar where the carrots were kept.

We were to get 25 bushels. We took the baskets and filled them and then we dumped them into bags. When we had the bags full we put them into the cart and took them up into the basement of the Stock Barn and then into the Mangel Cellar where they are ground up and fed to the cattle.

ALFRFD A. PICKELS.

Giving out Marbles

During the play hour of Friday, March 16, the supervisor came through the Wash Room carrying a bag of marbles and a box of "glassies." He had a boy help him give each boy 10 marbles and a glassie. When we were dismissed we started to play "Ringsie." We have just started playing "Bunny in the hole," "Purgie" and a game we can play sitting down, called "Odd or Even." NICHOLAS M. SUAREZ, Jr.

Easter Decorations

On Sunday, March 31, Chapel was beautifully decorated. In the front of the room and on the sides was white lattice-work, on top of which were geraniums. The door was made to look like an arch. On the outside was lattice work and the people came in from the sides. In front of the arch was the organ. On one side of the room was a large white cross with flowers wound around it, on the floor around the cross was moss, and on the other side of the room was the holy sepulchre. On each side of the room were the choir benches and across the front of all this was a chancel railing with geraniums on it. Two large plants were on the end posts at the center opening of the railing. ROLLINS A. FURBUSH.

Five O'clock Workers

At quarter of five every morning the watchman wakens the five milkers, the milk carrier, two horse fellows, two kitchen and two bakery boys. When we are dressed we go down to the washroom and wash. At five o'clock we go to work. The kitchen fellows take the ashes out of the stove and get the milk cans ready for the morning milk. The bakery boys put the bread in the pans and keep their fire going good, in order to have a good hot oven after breakfast when the bread is put in. The milkers get the milk pails and go down to the barn with the horse fellows. The horse fellows' work is to clean and feed the horses. The milkers put on their aprons and milk the cows. As we milk each cow we weigh the milk and put the weight down on the milk report. Then we empty our milk into the strainer pail and the milk carrier strains it into his carrying cans. He then takes it up to the kitchen and strains it through a cheese cloth into the kitchen cans, and it is taken into the refrigerator room and the cans are put into a tank of running water.

When we have all our milking done we feed the cows and sweep the floor. This done, we take the cans up to the kitchen to be washed and we get them at five o'clock at night, when we go to milk again.

FRANK E. WOODMAN.

Transplanting Trees

As I work before school in the morning, I usually get the job of helping dig up trees or helping dig holes into which they are to be transplanted.

There are about seven holes dug in the Front Grove and they are about eight feet in diameter and about three or four feet deep.

Trees are being transplanted all along the Rear Avenue.

CHESTER T. SMITH.

My Work Before School

Every morning at seven o'clock when we come out from breakfast Mr. Brown sends all the boys to their work. I go down to the tool room and get a rake.

Then I go down to the gate and rake all the gravel from the gate down to the Wharf. When I get it all raked I put the coarse stones in a bag and take them over the dike.

If I have time I sweep the Wharf. I use a stiff broom when I sweep so I can get the dirt out of the cracks. When the bell rings I put up my broom and come to the house.

THEODORE B. HADLEY.

Sorting Potatoes

In the morning, after I feed the pigs I sometimes go over to the Vegetable Cellar and sort potatoes.

There are two baskets, one for moldy and bad potatoes and one for the good ones. We are careful not to put any moldy ones in with the others, as they will cause the entire bin to mold.

We have two lamps and two heaters over there by which to see and to keep warm. The ventilators are closed up with hay. There are seven bins full of potatoes.

When any vegetables are wanted a boy with a horse and team is sent over there and sometimes I help him. When it is time to stop work a boy is sent over to tell us to go up to the barn.

GEORGE W. VINCENT.

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EVARISTE T. PORCHE, ex. '07, enlisted as an orderly with Base Hospital No. 44, on June 17, 1917, and on March 10, 1918, entered Camp Dix, N. Y. for training.

TERRANCE LOCKHART PARKER, '10, was born June 28, 1893. He entered The Farm and Trades School Feb. 20, 1906, and completed his work here Sept. 24, 1910. After leaving the School he attended Colby Academy, New London, N. H. and graduated from that school. He entered Middlebury College in Sept. 1914, but left there a few months later. In 1915 he acted as physical instructor at Center Harbor, Asquam Lake. Leaving Center Harbor the same year he accepted a position in Parkersburg W. Va. on Oct. 1. He in some way contracted a severe cold which steadily grew worse, and on Dec. 23, he came north hoping a change would benefit him. The change of climate worked only a temporary benefit, and he died on March 3, 1918, Lakeville Sanatorium. He was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Mattapan, Mass.

Through all his school and business life and during his sickness The Farm and Trades School exerted every effort to encourage and substantially aid him. While at the School he belonged to the band, playing the baritone horn. He also took a great deal of interest in athletics.

Terrance worked hard and played hard, and was conscientious and earnest.

GEORGE M. HOLMES, ex. '10, No. 154991, B Company, 1st American Engineers, American Expeditionary Force, France, in a recent letter to the Alumni Association thanks them for the Christmas box just received. He writes he has been in France since early in December. Lilacs and a few wild flowers indicate the opening of spring, though the days and nights are still very cold.

ALFRED W. JACOB, '10, is now stationed at Washington, D. C. Camp American University, Co A, 42d. Battalion, 20th Engineers.

CLARENCE F. BURTON, '12, has been transferred to the Air Section, 105 Aero Squad, Headquarters Detachment, American Expeditionary Force, France. He is stationed within seven miles of their front, and at various times he has taken his turn in the front line between midnight and dawn. This work is hard and exacting. He has been flying under instruction for some days.

CHARLES R. JEFFERSON, '14, sends his new address as Co C, 3d Regiment, Pioneer Infantry, Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.

HUBERT N. LEACH, '16, has enlisted in the Signal Corps and is now stationed in Depot Co F, Signal Corps, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont,

Cutting F

One morning I had the task of cutting paper for a job from the City. Billheads were to be cut.

I found the paper to be Old Devonshire Linen Ledger. I had to cut 500 pieces 14 in. x 8 3-8 in. from paper 17 in. x 22 in. I could get two of the smaller pieces out of the larger with an eight of an inch trim all around and a

piece about 7 in. x 8 3-8 in. 1000 sheets of this size were wanted. Using some large sheets and the pieces I had left from the others I cut them, I still had a lot of 500 to cut 9 1-4 in. x 8 3-8 in. I could get four of these to a large sheet, with a trim all around. When I finished these I made a job ready on the press and then went to school.

LEROY A. PARSONS.

