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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE STUDENT has lived to see the close of its
second volume. May it have a long and
prosperous career!

WE hope that those who have aided us in our
efforts at publishing the STUDENT, will also
assist those who have charge of it next year.

THERE is no reason to doubt but that next year
will find as many students at the Academy as
there were during the past year. Those intending
to enter during the coming year should send for
catalogues to Prof. H. S. Cowell.

LAST year it was thought best to enlarge the June
number of the STUDENT so that the graduating
essays could be published; but this is not done
this year, because the number of essays is so much
larger than last year that justice could not be done
by making extracts from them. Consequently
none of the graduating essays will be printed, but
instead, the exercises of class-day.

THE boy's boarding hall has not been patronized
as largely as was anticipated. The present
method of conducting it does not seem quite what

students desire. The majority of them prefer
rooms or board in private houses. But there is no
doubt but that a boarding hall could be made a
success and a great improvement to the Academy,
and would be much more convenient than the
general method of boarding now in use. It may
be that if it was made more a part of the Academy
itself, bearing closer relations with it, and perhaps
conducted by the institution as the school is done
it would be more successful.

THE second so called Anniversary Week at Arms
Academy has passed and was declared a suc-
cess by everybody who was present. A year ago
the class of '85 established the custom of holding
a week of exercises, and the members of the class
did everything that their ambitious minds could
conceive, that their Commencement should not
be a failure. Great credit is due them for the in-
auguration of these exercises. All but two of that
illustrious class were present to see if their prece-
dents were carried out rightly, and none were
heard to express disappointment, and, to our
knowledge, none said that they thought the exer-
cises better than they were last year. Of course
they would not do that. It is the general opinion
however that the whole Anniversary Week excelled
that of last year. The attendance at all the exer-
cises was very large, and there were but few unoc-
cupied seats. The weather was all that could be
desired. If the members of the class of '86 always
enjoy such favorable circumstances as they did
when they stepped out from their *Alma Mater*
their future career will be successful. A great
many friends and relatives of the class were pre-
sent from out of town; and the presence of an un-
usual number of the people of the village shows
that the interest in the institution is increasing.

ANNIVERSARY WEEK.

The exercises for the week commenced with
THE GRADUATING SERMON,
in the Baptist Church, Sunday June 6th, at 3 P. M.,
by Prof. H. S. Cowell. The church was well filled,
seats being reserved in front for the graduating
class. The class entered the church during the
playing of an organ voluntary by Miss Altie Avery.
The ministers of the village assisted in the services.

with you and this dear old academy—sorrow because we leave behind us so many associations which have become dear to us; joy because that time has come to which we have looked forward to we leave our *Alma Mater* and assert our independence of her care, or seek some new relations for the further preparations for life-work.

No doubt you are all longing for that time to come to you; but wait patiently, prepare yourselves thoroughly, and perhaps when graduation comes you will wish you had a few more years to spend here, for there can be none happier than those we use in our youth for the sake of education.

With truth has it been said that youth always looks forward—old age always backward. Youth always finds pleasure in looking forward, but can it be said that old age always finds enjoyment in looking backward? You all, without doubt, hope for a long life and a happy old age; do not then disappoint your own hopes by wilfully neglecting your advantages of education, by turning to naught your beautiful opportunities which you here have. For such a background would afford no pleasure in the retrospect of life, but sorrow. And not alone in old age would there be sorrow, but all through life. But rather make use of every opportunity of improvement, let not one slip by, and when you have left this school you will enjoy the memory of the happy days you spent here; and not only enjoy them but reap the full benefit of your education in all your life work.

We will allow that our class has set many examples which should not be followed, but do not imitate our faults, and if we have done any good in this academy (and we pride ourselves that we have), we ask you to imitate us in this, and if you can improve on our conduct we want you should.

These are pleasant times here, but do not think that because there are so that you are here simply for pleasure; that is but a secondary matter, you are here to obtain an education, to prepare yourselves for whatever occupation you have chosen for your life work. Do not lose sight of this fact either in pleasure or emulation. But always consider that whatever you do here will in future life either help or hinder you in your progress.

To you, the class of '87, we leave the royal sceptre, and grant that you may rule with undisputed sway over the realms of Arms Academy, and may condemn any offender when you consider as violating the laws of your government, and in any way

attempting to overthrow your power, and may punish said offender as you think best. But always bear in mind that your teachers are over you. Remember, however, the consequences of too arbitrary a government, and be lenient in the judgment of your subjects. Reign not with a rod of iron, but with the Golden Rule.

There is one thing which is necessary to a successful reign, that is unity of feelings and action. Do not let any dissension divide your ranks, for then your enemies might take advantage of your weakness, at any rate your subordinates would laugh at you. But of all things don't quarrel about gas.

One other thing we leave to you as an inheritance—our paper, the ARMS STUDENT, which we have started and spent so much time in improving and publishing. We hope you will take good care of it and not let it catch cold from any inaction on your part, and we promise to send it something once in a while for its monthly dinner. But one of its auxiliaries we have selfishly decided to keep, *i. e.* its debt. We hope you will pardon our selfishness in this, but let me tell you if you wish to obtain another it will require very little work on your part.

To the class of '88 we would say, wait patiently but a year more, and you will gain the sceptre. Be submissive to the Norman haughtiness of your superiors but for a little while, and you will reign undisputed. Even now those in the classes below you will look up to you as you look up to the noble seniors, and you will have now and then an honor even from them. If you see any duty which they have neglected, go and do it yourselves, and perhaps they will even envy you for a while for the praise you get by so doing. Watch for every opportunity to distinguish yourselves honorably and perhaps the humble freshmen will admire and respect you as much as they will the seniors.

To you, the class of '89, we extend our congratulations for the one step you have made from the bottom. Since you cannot drive away the time before your graduation, do not let the time drive you, or find you slack in any of your studies, but gain what satisfaction you can from not being at the bottom, and have charity for those below you. It has been said that anticipation affords more enjoyment than realization; believe this then as long as you are in the anticipation of graduating, and you can claim that you are happier even than the respected seniors.

To you, freeminded specials, who boast of your independence and own no class rule, we would say as befitting our belief, that we hope sometime you will change your opinion and give up a little of your freedom, and putting on class armor, obtain the honors of graduation, and go forth from your *Alma Mater* with written proofs of your royal lineage under your Arms.

And to all we say, enjoy while you can the pleasures attendant upon school life; make your work seem play; do not let quarrels and ill-feelings spring up amid your happiness; help your teachers, let them be your guides; carry out the purposes for which you came here, and you will go away satisfied with yourselves and what you have done.

—F. S. Strong.

HISTORY OF CLASS OF '86, A. A.

History rarely unveils to the critical public gaze a record of such faithful efforts, such noble deeds, such lofty achievements as that of the class of '86, Arms Academy.

We are modest and we shrink from this task but "murder will out"; so will the success and failures of the class of '86 as they have been climbing up the ladder of learning, and it is better that you should hear the story modestly told by ourselves than that the public (which has ever smiled benignly upon us(?)) should by its recital make us seem more brilliant and noble than we really are.

Oct. 15th, 1883, all those who thought themselves sufficiently advanced to enter a class intending to graduate after three years' more study were requested to meet in the schoolroom. We all felt this to be a momentous occasion for us "and well we might" for that occasion united as a class those of whom I am to tell you. At this first meeting our President, Vice-President, Secretary, Poet, Orator and Historian were chosen, and also committees to select class colors and a motto. The first committee soon furnished us with neat badges of straw-color and blue, but we were too fastidious to be long suited with these and changed for printed pink ones. But a class motto was a harder thing to decide upon—so difficult to find one worthy of us. After two years laborious effort "*Esse quam videri*," to be rather than to seem," was thought to be what we needed in this age of deception and hypocrisy to make us true to self and not seemingly greater than we are.

Should I speak of all the events in the life of our class which seem to us noteworthy, you would look

upon them as very small matters and soon tire of listening. I will mention only a few. In the first spring term of the class history, thinking that we did not wish to be "out of sight, out of mind," we planted two trees, at which in future years the students of Arms Academy will point with the remark "The illustrious class of '86 left us those beautiful shade trees." But aside from the pleasure to us all of being thus remembered, what pride our '86 young men must feel at the thoughts that they *did* help the girls set out one tree, or *encouraged* them anyway.

The fall term for '84 we instituted a new plan for sociables. Heretofore an evening's entertainment was carried out without any forethought and sometimes they were far from entertaining. But probably all were waiting for the class of '86 to introduce a new and better form. *And we did it.* Entertainment was prepared before the evening of the sociable and as a novelty we issued printed programs. It was a decided success and seniors as well as the lower classes in sociables in which they afterward had charge followed the example of those "horrid '86's." The same term of our sociable reform we took upon ourselves a form of literary work which was indeed a perilous undertaking—the publishing of a school paper. Knowing of others who had failed in a like undertaking we felt it to be a great risk, but finally decided to attempt it. Our paper was called the ARMS STUDENT. For two years, under several different editors, we have published this school journal, and you who have been interested know with what success. We now bequeath it to the students we leave at Arms Academy.

Anniversary week '85, although our only part in the exercises was prize speaking, was an eventful one to us for it left us seniors. Sept. '85 we returned to school to begin our last year's work and to be looked up to as we had looked up to those classes above us. That term we made our first (and only) attempt upon the stage, and presented to the public the drama, "Above The Clouds," and the farce, "A Precious Pickle." The winter term saw our masquerade sociable and the prize contest of essays, debate and speaking. This term has been filled with preparation for leave taking of Arms Academy.

The class of '86 has numbered 35 different members. "For various reasons" 14 have dropped from our ranks and we only are left. Mr. King, our first president, remained with us only part of one year.

6. Somewhere, Somehow, Sometime,
Inez E. Bass, Shelburne Falls, Mass
7. To stay is to win,
Lua B. Tooley, Shelburne Falls, Mass
8. The People's College,
Edward S. Boyd, Granby, Mass
9. Success of Failure,
Lizzie M. Clancey, Orange, Mass
- Quartette, "When hands meet," *Pinsuti*
10. Acres of Diamonds,
Wilber F. Gillette, South Deerfield, Mass
11. Naturalism,
Clara F. Davenport, Coleraine, Mass
13. Bloodless Victories,
Joseph S. Strong, East Granby, Conn
13. Remnants,
Lucy R. Smith, Shelburne Falls, Mass
- Quartette, "The Song of the Triton," *Molloy*
14. Open Doors,
Julia R. Ballard, Shelburne Falls, Mass
15. The Fly on the Wheel,
Frank T. Daniels, Shattuckville, Mass
16. Micawberism,
Helen M. Severance, Newark, N. J.
17. The Independent Party,
Alice E. Brown, Shelburne, Mass
- Quartette, "The Caravan," *Pinsuti*
18. Telescopes and Microscopes,
Arthur N. Peaslee, North Weare, N. H.
19. The Army of the Discontented,
Anna B. Koonz, Shelburne Falls, Mass
20. The Modern Liberator,
James Connell, Milford, N. H.
21. Valedictory; Tomorrow,
Marion A. Purinton, Coleraine, Mass
- Presentation of Diplomas.
Benediction.
Organ Postlude, Mrs. H. M. Puffer

ODE.

[Words by F. T. Daniels.]

The time draws near when we must part
From school and school-mates dear;
From all that's made our happiness,
And filled our hearts with cheer.
We're starting out on life's rough path,
To tread its rugged way;
But ere we go we'll say good-bye
To those we meet to-day.

We're standing now united here,
To-morrow we must part,
To meet life's duties without fear,
And with a cheerful heart.
The past has brought us many joys,
And friends who've been most kind,
Whose memory will a pleasure be
To oft recall to mind.

Our *Alma Mater* now we hail
With all her many charms,
We hail the day, the happy day,
That brought us to her Arms.
Our teachers, too, shall have a place
In memories' brightest chain,
A shining link they each will make,
We'll cherish every name.

GRADUATING CLASS.

NAME	COURSE
Julia Rice Ballard,	General
Inez Evelyn Bass,	English
Alice Emma Brown,	English
Lizzie Mary Clancey,	English
Clara Fidelia Davenport,	English
Clara Augusta Howard,	English
Anna Bell Koonz,	General
Marion Augusta Purinton,	General
Susie Moore Richmond,	General
Sadie Elizabeth Ritchie,	English
Martha Helen Severance,	General
Lucy Rose Smith,	English
Lua Clara Tooley,	English
Edward Steele Boyd,	Classical
James Connell	English
Frank Thomas Daniels,	English
Joseph William Finerty,	English
Wilber Frank Gillette,	Classical
Arthur Newton Peaslee,	Classical
Joseph Selden Strong,	Classical
Frank Edward Swan,	English

After the graduating exercises the alumni, teachers, trustees and friends assembled in Academy Hall, where the Alumni dinner was prepared. After the dinner several speeches were made. Warren Forbes responded for the first graduating class of the Academy, Mr. Copeland for class '85, Mr. Gillette for class '86, Mr. Billings for the undergraduates, Mr. S. T. Field for the trustees, Mrs. H. Pratt for the temperance women, and these were followed by Mr. Bridgeman, of Northampton, and Dr. Rand. of Monson. Prof H. S. Cowell acted as toastmaster. On the whole, it was a grand success, and we hope it has come to stay, and become a regular part of the anniversary exercises. Immediately after the dinner an alumni association was formed, Warren Forbes, president; E. H. Copeland, vice president; F. T. Daniels, secretary; Daisy A. Jencks, Hoosac Tunnel corresponding secretary.

In the evening there was a grand reception at Academy Hall, given by the class of '86. The Cecilia Quartette furnished music during the evening. There were over 200 present, and it was an enjoyable occasion to all. The reception closed the exercises for the week.