Dedication

TO

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OUR INSTRUCTOR AND CLASSMATE,

WE,

WHO APPRECIATE HER KINDLY INTEREST

AND PRIZE HER FRIENDSHIP

RESPECTFULLY DEDICATE

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Introduction.

Merciless Critics:

ONCE more the GRIST appears for your consideration, and ere you bury yourself in its contents we pray you to tarry in your impatience for a little chat with the editors.

In regard to the scope of this Annual we want it distinctly understood that we are in no respect rivals of the College Catalogue. We will try not to bore you with any long prosy sketches regarding early history of the institution, or with any suggestions of the dry unending slavery of the class-room. So we bid you throw away all thoughts of cramming and final exams. and to begin with a free and careless mind the perusal of that true portrayer of college life, its annual.

Many weary months ago five gay, self-confident Juniors met to begin the great task of the year. Since that time they have lost the thoughtless gayety of their merry youth, the heavy load of responsibility upon their shoulders having caused a look of thoughtful gravity to appear upon their once unclouded brows. In the prosecution of their Herculean task they have been supported only by visions of Senior Electives and Snap Courses which will sometime be within their grasp.

Among the serious duties of our positions we have occasionally found stray scraps of humor [?] which we could enjoy if we had the time. Our Board meetings have been the occasion of much controversy, both friendly and otherwise. Vast amounts of sarcasm at different times have been used by some member who has been foiled in some pet measure.

We have duly appreciated our duty in the matter of grinds, and have endeavored to dispose of the question in the most scientific manner. If by roasting one person we could make twenty laugh, we have thought the game worth the whistle and have proceeded to do it thoroughly.

It would amuse you perhaps to suggest that the Grist was a firm opponent of bluffing and a model of veracity. But consider that we have passed the fiery ordeal of the reviewing committee from whose merciless hands nothing escapes, except the barest most literal truth. It was the fear of this ordeal that has filled our minds during the year and restrained our too ambitious pens.

But much suffering reader, do not lose all faith in human nature, there is still some honesty left, for the Grist stands as the exponent of undoubted veracity and the ardent opposer of all forms of bluffing.

We will not make any plaintive boasts as to the hard work that we have done ; we have no desire to attract commiseration; it was our business and we did it as best we were able. Several new departures will perhaps be noticed about the Grist in its general appearance and contents. We hope that they will please you, for we have endeavored to publish a book which would at least approach the excellence of former years.

Naturally we would be pleased to receive your ap-

proval but will candidly inform you that we will not be annoyed in the least by any darts of criticism which you may possibly hurl at us since we have taken pains to clothe ourselves with the most impenetrable armor. We hope that we have succeeded in breaking the ice, and now invite you to feel perfectly at home in the following pages.

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College Calendar for 1899-1900.

1899.

Fall Term

Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, 10 A. M.	Entrance Examinations.
September 19, 10 A. M.	Exam. of Conditioned Students.
September 18, 19, 10 A. M.	Entrance Examinations.
September 20, 1 P. M.	Term begins.
———	Thanksgiving Day.
December 22	Term ends.

1900.

Winter Term

January 2, 10 A. M.	Exam. of Conditioned Students.
January 2, 1 P. M.	Term begins.
January 25.	Day of Prayer for Colleges.
February 22.	Washington's birthday.
March 30.	Term ends.

Spring Term

April 9, 10 A. M.	Exam. of Conditioned Students.
April 10, 1 P. M.	Term begins.
———	Arbor Day.
May 30.	Memorial Day.
June 17.	Baccalaureate Sunday.
June 19.	Commencement.
June 20, 21, 10 A. M.	Entrance Examinations.

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JOHN FRANKLIN KNOWLES, B. S.,
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Assistant in Mathematics.

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College Preachers

Oct. 2, 1898.	S. M. Sayford, Newton, Mass.
Oct. 16, "	Rev. Mr. Garth, Wakefield, R. I.
Oct. 30, "	Rev. Mr. Edwards. Wakefield, R. I.
Nov. 13, "	R. A. Schwegler, Brown University.
Dec 11, "	Mr. Helme, Kingston, R. I.
Jan. 8, 1899.	Rev. P. D. Root, Wakefield, R. I.
Jan. 15, "	Prof. C. F. Kent, Brown University.
Jan. 22, "	Rev. Alex. MacCall, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.
Jan. 29, "	Mr. M. V. Rice, Providence, R. I.
Feb. 5, "	Rev. Mr. Fobes, Peacedale, R. I.
Feb. 12, "	Rev. Frank H. Palmer, Boston, Mass.
Mar. 5, "	Mr. Eugene W. Lyman, Yale Theo. Seminary.
Mar. 12, "	Mr. H. A. Jump, Yale Theological Seminary.
Mar. 19, "	Prof. Lord, R. I. College.
Apr. 9, "	Prof. F. H. Very, Brown University.
Apr. 16, "	Mr. Holden, Attleboro.
Apr. 23, "	Mr. Blanchard, Yale Theological Seminary.
Apr. 30, "	Mr. H. A. Jump, Yale Theological Seminary.

Progress of the College

THE growth of the college this year has been one of steady advancement, unmarked by any particularly striking events.

The long-contemplated new courses were put in operation at the beginning of the fall term. The Freshman class was, as expected, small, but the Preparatory division was gratifyingly large. In scholarship the students have made a better record than ever before. With the Freshmen of next year we hope the college will enter upon an era of large classes.

There have been a number of changes in the Faculty. Miss Bosworth has been pursuing studies in Germany, and her place has been filled by Miss Smith, Wellesley, '90. Mr. M. H. Tyler, Amherst, '97, has been made proctor and instructor in mathematics. Mr. J. S. Allen, Jr., Brown, '98, has been appointed instructor in history and political science. Mr. Frank Craig, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, '98, succeeded Mr. Clark as assistant in mechanics. Mr. Barlow, University of Vermont, and Mr. Marshall, Massachusetts Institute of Technology '97, have been assistants in Dr. Field's department. Mr. Barlow left the college to accept a position in Kansas University. Mr. Card, Cornell, '92, began his work here this year as professor of horticulture.

Since the building of Lippitt Hall, the various departments have enjoyed increased facilities for their work, and that crowded, cramped condition, so well remembered by the older students, is a thing of the past. A new barn has been added to the equipment of the agricultural department, greatly increasing its facilities for instruction, and making it possible to furnish the dairy products necessary at the boarding hall. It is a handsome structure and well adapted for its purpose.

At the beginning of the year a Committee on College Activities, modelled after the now defunct Amherst Senate, was placed

in charge of the social and other activities of the student body. It is composed of a Faculty committee and a representative from each of the four classes.

Social life has made considerable progress. The annual Military Ball was managed in a praiseworthy manner by the battalion officers. In the winter term Miss Putnam's Expression classes gave a recital which reflected credit on the students and teacher. The Junior Musicale proved of great benefit to The Grist. The character and success of the entertainment render it a source of pardonable pride to the class of 1900. In the early part of the spring term the Glee Club gave a concert which showed careful training.

The general status of athletic efforts has greatly improved. In the fall term the football team was uniformly successful. More interest and confidence is felt in the Athletic Association than ever before. In baseball, although the material on hand is perhaps not equal to last year's, there is, nevertheless, an evident disposition to work hard for the team.

Some of the old clubs have died a natural death, but the success of the Library Club and Glee Club is encouraging. The two religious societies have been active during the year, and different speakers have delivered addresses at the afternoon chapel services on Sunday.

We are glad to record in The Grist these evidences of prosperity, and hope that they are but forerunners of greater progress in the future.

GROUP OF BUILDINGS
OF
R. I. COLLEGE

Scene---The Dairy

Two Men standing in the centre of the room—A group of opossums in one corner—absolutely no other scenery.

One Man—"This *must* stop. I can't enjoy my Sunday evening walk about the grounds with my little friend, because such sounds break the evening stillness in the vicinity of Watson House. I heard from headquarters that this must cease. Let me hear no more of it."

(An opossum comes up and slowly wags his tail, but receives no attention.)

The Other Man—(with show of dignity)—"I, as one of the chief originators of said noise cannot possibly see how it concerns you——"

(Exit Man No. One).

The Other Man—(alone and wringing his hands, from which drops the blood of two hellbenders, three chickens and one hen).

"What shall I do—shall my character be spoiled in the making? Shall I be drawn into it against my will? I will confess all—Nothing will I withhold—It is the only way."

(Exit amid the smiles of the opossums).