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H. Cargill & Son, Cargill, Ont., write, under date of Dec. 21:—"Notwithstanding the poor pasture of the past season, our herd went into the stables in good breeding condition. We already have a number of calves, and expect to have about twenty in all. They are mostly sired by Royal Member and are a remarkably good lot—we think the best we ever had; and we imagine we have what everyone looks for, viz., a first-class stock bull. This is our first lot of calves from him, and they please us, as well as everyone who sees them. Ramon Robin is doing well—developing wonderfully. As yet we have but two calves from him—heifers out of Early Bud (imp.) and Diamond 18th (imp.). Judging from these and the fact that Mr. Russell was successful in winning all the good prizes at London last fall with calves sired by him, we should say we were fortunate in acquiring him as a helpmate for Royal Member. We have but three bull calves unsold—all good ones, one being the winner of all first prizes at local shows last fall. We have one out of a daughter of Lovely 19th, sired by our old Golden Drop bull, Albert Victor (imp.), which we think fit to go into service in any herd of Shorthorns. He is red in color, of the thick, low-down kind, meat down to the hocks, grand back and under line; and although only in nice growing order, weighs 850 lbs., and will not celebrate his first birthday until 13th February next. We are now offering some show material in young heifer calves; and also good Canadian-bred cows and heifers."

**MEETING OF EXECUTIVE OF SHEEP AND SWINE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATIONS.** On dates mentioned below, meetings of the Executive of the Dominion Sheep and Swine Breeders will be held at the Hotel Oxford, Woodstock, to receive and discuss the Secretary's report and the Treasurer's statement, to determine a line of work for 1896, to appoint necessary committees, etc. Swine Breeders meet at 1 o'clock on Jan. 7, and Sheep Breeders at same hour on Jan. 8. Those attending should purchase a first-class single fare ticket to Woodstock, and obtain from the railway agent at the same time a standard railway certificate. This certificate, when signed by the Secretary at the meetings, entitles the holder to return at excursion rates.

**BOOK TABLE.** The December "O. A. C. Review," which may be termed "Christmas Number," has an addition to their usual size of four pages, to make room for excellent productions from the pens of Dr. Mills and other officers of the institution. The issue is a live, practical, and commendable number.

The Scottish Farmer Album for 1896 contains, besides a calendar and a list of the principal British shows, with dates for 1896 and secretaries, no less than 55 half-tone illustrations of various breeds of horses, cattle, sheep, and one pig, which have during 1895 won important premiums at leading shows. The English Live Stock Journal Almanac for 1896 has come to hand. We notice it continues to increase in healthy growth year by year. Its 320 pages contain much that is valuable in history, breeding, management, etc., of all the recognized British breeds of farm stock. The work is profuse in illustrations, and practical in character. It is published by Vinton & Co., 9 New Bridge St., Ludgate Circus, London, Eng. Price, one shilling.

A bound copy of the Wisconsin Farmers' Institute report for 1895 has been received from the Secretary and Editor, Mr. Geo. McKerrrow. It is appropriately called a Hand Book of Agriculture, as it contains a great many able papers and discussions given at Institute meetings during the past year. We notice considerable space is devoted to the subject of proper and economical cooking of foods for the human animal. This volume is attractively illustrated and well bound.

"Tuberculosis from a Layman's Standpoint" is the title of a lecture delivered before the Renfrew (Scottish) Agricultural Society, by Mr. Archibald McNellie, Glasgow. The lecturer explained the disease, and gave instances of its introduction to bovine from human and human to bovine subjects. Under the heading, "The extent of the disease," it is pointed out that the disease is most prevalent in dairy cattle that have been too closely confined and forced to produce the greatest possible amount of milk in the shortest time. The heredity of the disease, risk of contagion, the use of tuberculin, etc., are ably discussed. The lecture is issued in pamphlet form at three pence a copy, from the Scottish Farmer office.

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