

The closing meeting of the Literary Society was held on the 25th ult. After the singing of "The Lost Chord," by Mr. Whitley, an impromptu speech on "Cleanliness and Tidiness" was given by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Seymour was next called on for an organ solo, which he rendered in his usual masterly fashion. Mr. Burns followed with a capital speech on "Agriculture in Nova Scotia." We venture to prophesy that this gentleman will develop into a first-rate platform speaker. Mr. Thompson then recited "Doomed to Death," and Mr. Hadwen gave a very taking song "Beautiful Language." Mr. Rennie drew "Nothing" for his extempore speech, but spoke in a very stirring manner on "Life," urging the boys not to be sponges, but to rise to the dignity of rational earth vertebrate animals. Prof. Panton, who, at the commencement of the session intimated his intention of giving a prize to the best speaker in the Society, announced that a vote of members who had attended two-thirds of the meetings would be taken with the view of deciding the contest. The voting resulted in a tie between Messrs. Dean, Monteith and Whitley. The former being ruled out by the Professor on account of his being President of the Society, the final decision of the members declared Mr. Monteith the winner, who thereupon very suitably responded to the hearty applause. A feature of the closing meeting is always to have a short speech from each member present, so the 3rd year men led off, relating their experiences in connection with the Society and the advantages they had derived from attending. A comic song by Mr. Hadwen followed, and then the 2nd year men spoke. Mr. Morgan sang a couple of songs and the 1st year very ably brought up the rear. Closing speeches were next given by the President, Secretary, and Critic, and a vote of thanks to the officers terminated the proceedings. The Society has had a very successful year and deserves to be remembered forever for launching the REVIEW on its career, and offering the \$10 prize for the Essay as announced in our last issue. The treasurer's report shows a balance in hand of \$21, but this will all be expended in the prize, and rent of piano and organ.



## PERSONAL.

T. C. Mackinson, of '89, is farming down by the sea at Brigus, Nfld.

W. K. Farlinger, of '77, formerly of Morrisburgh, Ont., is now engaged in sheep farming in Southern Australia.

At the recent examinations held at the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, H. Marsack, of '89, took 3rd. prize in Chemistry and honors in Pathology.

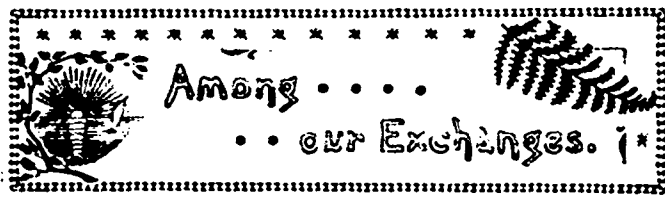
A. D. Harkness, of '87, is one of the successful farmers of Dundas Co., and takes an active part in the work of the Farmers' Institute, as all ex-students should.

That the personal department may be interesting, we would esteem it a favor to receive jottings from ex-students, as to their whereabouts, their occupation, or any news of general interest.

J. A. Derbyshire, A. O. A. C. '89, is engaged in the cheese and butter export business in company with his father, at Brockville, Ont. John has taken up type-writing and has become quite proficient in the art.

E. M. Jarvis, of '88, now farming at Clarkson, Ont., has been elected a director of the Shire Horse Association of Canada, also Treasurer of the Dominion Hog Breeders' Association. It will interest some of his classmates to learn that E. M. has taken to himself a better half, a fact no doubt that contributes in a large degree to his success as a farmer. Our advice to those who are still lingering is to go and do likewise.

From the *Live Stock Journal* we take the following. Mr. Wm. Ballantyne, of the firm of Ballantyne & Son, Stratford, is succeeding admirably with his Scotch Shorthorns. It was Mr. Ballantyne who supplied the Messrs. Green Bros. with a stock bull, to take the place of the Earl of Mar once the sweepstakes bull of Ontario. Further, it was Mr. Ballantyne who bred and fed the first prize Shorthorn steer, at the last Christmas 1st Stock Show at Guelph. Mr. Ballantyne is a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College; a source from which the leading stockmen of the future are likely to come, at least a large proportion of them.



Another new caller, and one we are right glad to welcome, is the *Review, Chester*, published by the cadets of the Pennsylvania Military Academy. It presents a good deal of taste, both in its dress and in the various articles that it contains. A very appropriate article adorning the first page is one on "Our Military System," in which a good description is given of the present condition of military affairs in the United States, and ably shows the disadvantages which they would undergo in mobilizing a force in case of necessity. It also contains a great many other well written and instructive articles, such as "The Theodore," "Hyatt Memorial" and "The Jersey men."

With pleasure we welcome to our table the March number of the *Maritime Agriculturist*, published by R. J. Gilbert, Sackville, N. B. The quality, if not the quantity, of the matter contained in the *Agriculturist* easily excels more pretentious journals. Through its columns we are informed that Prof. J. W. Robertson, of the Canadian Department of Agriculture, delivered three lectures in the City Hall, Fredericton, on Wednesday, March 26th, on the subjects, "Dairy Farming," "Creameries and Cheese Factories," and "Agricultural Education." By the large number which attended his lectures we can infer that the opportunity to hear so distinguished and experienced an exponent of matters in connection with dairying was not lost.

The welcome number of the *Upper Canada College Times* to hand. It cannot be compared in size with some of the journals published on this continent, but nevertheless, it is a spicy little sheet, and contains some really good and interesting paragraphs. In glancing over it, one article especially noticed was that on the "Cricket Outlook for 1890." There can be no doubt but that in Upper Canada College, as well as in every other school, cricket ought to be put as one of the leading games. Although there are not more than two or three dozen boys who take an interest in cricket here, yet the outlook for some very good matches this season is excellent, and it is to be hoped that in future years the cricket club of the O. A. C. will be a credit to the institution.