

## THE O. A. C. REVIEW.

On Nov. 23, the 2nd and 3rd year, and on Dec. 3, the 1st year again had the pleasure of seeing some excellent views in the Botanical Laboratory. Prof. Panton has spared no expense in getting these fine pictures of the Mammoth Cave and it is his delight to exhibit them to a crowd of admiring students or officers and friends.

A most careful series of analyses has been lately carried on here to find the percentage of sugar in beets. A fellow was met the other day with his hands stained a beautiful reddish brown, and with several deep scratches scarcely healed, and on being interrogated as to the why and wherefore it was ascertained he had been grating beets.

THERE was a narrow escape lately from what might have been a serious accident. When cutting feed the engine was stopped, and the fly-wheel, continuing to revolve with great rapidity, came off the shaft and spun away to the end of the barn passing between the legs of one boy and just grazing another's leg. No damage was done.

It is sad to notice the increasing cheekiness of the first year. It is bad enough to walk through a class room before the lecture is quite completed, but to wilfully interrupt a second year meeting by getting outside and continually pulling the door open is an offence which richly merits an intimate acquaintance with our end of the connection with the city waterworks.

Most of the boys were down at the Fat Stock Show held in the Western stables on the 11th. The three judges of the 2nd year, Messrs. J. Harcourt, R. E. Cowan, and Watson, acquitted themselves well. It is rumored they will have some say at Toronto next fair time. Be that as it may, the O. A. C. is proud of boys whose judgment tallies almost exactly with that of well known cattle experts.

EARLY last month a Boxing Club was started and has already a large number of members; afternoons and evenings during recreation being devoted to the study of cross-counters, uppercuts and other intricacies of the noble art. We would advise every one to join, as boxing is the most manly and healthy exercise for indoors. Exhibitions given weekly by our world-renowned heavy weights, Hall and "Corporal."

CURIOUS work occasionally is done on Experimental by those told off to this interesting Department. On a recent occasion when a student had to empty the crock the ingenious youth thought he would apply his knowledge of hydrostatics and rigged a syphon to run off the liquid. Proceeding to exhaust the air and draw up the contents by suction he was most fortunately interrupted by the Professor who told him the crock contained nitric acid!

Our bright little "Jim" has gone from among us. Cheerful and vivacious specimen of French-Canadian we miss thee. No more do thy jocular words and merry pranks light on our ears and bodies. Our spirits sank to zero when thy lithe form departed through the snow to the accompaniment of the College yell. Farewell, Mr. Smith, may the winds of Montreal blow gently on thee, and may the remembrance of many happy days at the O. A. C. linger long with thee. Adieu, dear Jim.

In the first year English Composition lecture the other day the following sentence came up for discussion:—"She was accompanied by her mamma *en grande toilette* who, to tell the truth, looked rather *ridée* even in gaslight." The President then asked

a student to criticise the sentence and state what was objectionable. The youth blandly replied:—"The only thing objectionable that I see, is her being accompanied by her mamma." However, the President can take a joke and joined heartily in the laugh which followed.

At the Y. M. C. A. meeting, Nov. 21st, we had very interesting reports from our delegates to the Toronto Y. M. C. A. Convention. We are indebted to our representatives Messrs. E. A. Rennie and H. L. Hutt for taking such full notes and giving them to us in such entertaining style. At the close Prof. Hunt gave us a most practical address just gathering a few of the principal thoughts of various speakers and presenting them to the meeting with intense force and earnestness. As an outcome of this our Association already takes a deeper interest in Mission work.

The Aberdeen Angus calf being recently condemned to have his scurs removed, was brought up to the lecture room for the benefit of the second year witnessing the operation. That is to say, the calf was brought *towards* the College but to come up to it the youngster flatly declined. Then was witnessed a delightful picnic, for the frolicsome yearling made a bee line for John's stomach, and having knocked him over, proceeded at no small rate to drag him over the snow to the farm office. There the frisky Doddie wound his leading rope three or four times round a post and placidly surveyed a group of admiring and amused students. Eventually the operation was performed in the stable but not until his playful gambols had tested the strength of three or four boys.

A SLIGHT change in the programme was made at the Literary Society meeting on the 29th November, and an open discussion held on "Improvements in the O. A. C. course." To our notion some very good suggestions were made which were subsequently embodied in a petition to the President, but whether or not the 'powers that be' will see fit to coincide therewith is another matter. The discussion was well sustained, several members speaking on such a vital question. The leaders were Messrs. Elliott and Jacob, both of whom gave very thoughtful and able speeches. Mr. Faithfull contributed a solo on the the organ, very skillfully overcoming the difficulty of a broken pedal. Mr. Wilkin gave a capital speech on Japan, the more closely followed on account of his residence in that increasingly interesting country.

At the meeting of the Literary Society on the 13th inst., the programme opened with a pianoforte solo by Mr. Faithfull. Mr. Harrison then gave a five minutes' speech on Spanish cities, bringing vividly before our notice scenes in Toledo and Cordova. We then had the pleasure of listening to a splendid address by Prof. Hunt, on Bellamy's "Looking Backward." He was listened to with rapt attention from beginning to end, and we all felt that we had a great deal to carry away and be of much service to us both now and in after life. To all second year students especially we would say read the book by all means if you get the opportunity and we are sure you will not regret it. We are very grateful to the Professor for sacrificing his time to entertain and instruct us with such a peculiarly interesting address. Mr. Milne followed with a maiden speech on "It Will Do."

On Nov. 16th we again had the pleasure of receiving delegates from the Toronto Y. M. C. A. This time Mr. Cole, the Organizing Secretary, came, accompanied by Mr. Munro. We had an informal hearty meeting in the evening just to get acquainted, when Mr. Munro, a farmer's son, kept us in roars of laughter with