

A meeting of the executive committee was held on March 6th. President Harcourt in the chair. Present, Messrs. Bell, J. A. S. Burns, Harcourt, Jas. Atkinson, Ferguson, MacKenzie, MacNaughton, Spencer, Walker and Newman. The meeting was instituted with prayer, Mr. Spencer leading, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

President Harcourt stated that a Young People's Rally was to be held in Guelph on March 10, and read a letter asking that a person be appointed to represent our association and to speak on an appointed subject. Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Bell, that we appoint Mr. Sharman as our representative. Carried. Moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Bell and carried, that the regular meeting for our association on March 11, be omitted to allow the members to attend the rally. Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ferguson and carried, that a finance committee be appointed to assist the treasurer.

On motion of Messrs. Newman and Spencer, the date of the annual meeting of the association was fixed for April 20, while on motion of Messrs. Burns and Walker it was resolved that the chairman of all committees be required to furnish reports in writing at the annual meeting.

The corresponding secretary was instructed to procure a copy of the International Hand-book for 1893.

Mr. Hunt was re-appointed as the representative of this association on the Provincial College board.

On motion of Messrs. MacKenzie and McNaughton, it was resolved to adjourn and meet again on April 16. The meeting was then closed with prayer, Mr. MacNaughton leading.



#### PERSONAL.

It is rumored around the college that Mr. W. R. Graham, A. O. A. C., '92, was lately offered a situation as superintendent of the poultry department of T. Eaton's farm near Toronto. He did not accept the situation.

A. D. Harkness, A. O. A. C., '87, Irene, Dundas, is enjoying life and bachelorhood on a farm of about 300 acres, where he is making a specialty of dairying and pork raising, keeping between forty and fifty cows in milk all the year round. The livestock of the farm is composed of Ayrshires and Ayrshire and Jersey crosses, and pure-bred and grade Berkshire pigs. The butter produced is manufactured on the farm and has averaged a price of 20½ cts. per pound during last summer. The deep-setting method of cream raising has been followed until lately when Mr. Harkness purchased a No. 7 Alexandria Separator, to be run by hand in the winter and by power in the summer. He has kindly promised to write and let us have some of his experience with this machine. No doubt all who read these columns will be glad to have whatever information he may impart.

D. P. L. Campbell, A. O. A. C., '80, Vankleek Hill, writes that he is still enjoying single blessedness, and is so contented with his lot as far as this is concerned, that he does not want to change it just at present. He is trying to keep abreast of the times by reading all he can find about agriculture. The farm on which Mr. Campbell is living consists of 100 acres of good soil and is situated in the township of Locheil, Glengarry County. Our correspondent thinks that sheep raising would bring handsome profits in his district as winter lambs bring \$5 per head at Montreal and \$8 to \$9 per head in New York during the month of March. Mr. Campbell in closing his letter gives some advice that is so good we cannot forbear quoting: "Many imagine when they leave college that their education is complete. This is a great mistake. . . . Another fact which I wish to emphasize is, that while improved livestock, pure-bred males especially, are a necessity, yet proper feeding is none the less important to ensure success.

If females are allowed to be in a failing condition during the period of gestation, this failing habit will be inevitably transferred to the offspring."

A short time ago we received a very interesting letter from J. G. Ross, A. O. A. C., '81, who is at present in Montreal. Lack of space not permitting us to present the letter in its entirety (which we would have much liked to do) we will attempt to give to our readers a comprehensive digest of the letter we received.

"On 13th July 1881, W. R. Motherwell, W. Pettapiece and myself left Guelph *en route* for the west. At Emerson we spent a few days and left that place on the 21st July in a prairie waggon behind a team composed of a mule and an Indian pony; we had a tent and provisions with us, and were fairly well equipped for the journey, which we intended should extend through to the Turtle Mountains. The novelty of prairie travelling was very agreeable to us, especially the glorious sunsets and sunrises for which the prairie is noted. The Mennonite settlements were passed with much interest, their houses huddled together in villages and their farms strung out in large narrow stretches. The cattle were all herded together on the village common, the grain-fields being unprotected by any fences. These Mennonite villages are built of wood with straw thatches, which make them very liable to fires. We saw one of these villages in flames, and, as it was night, the prairie was lit up almost as plain as day by the flames. Our next noteworthy point was the crossing of the Pembina River, which flows through a valley some miles in width. At Pancake Lake our provisions gave out, and, as there were no houses within twenty miles, the old muzzle-loading gun, which had been bought a day or two previous, was pressed into active service with the good luck that a couple of ducks were shot in the lake, across which the wind was blowing them at the rate of about ten miles an hour. It required a long swim to get them, but we were hungry and they tasted all the better after the exertions in recovering them. At our driver's newly constructed house we put up, and during the next few days we land hunted, looking for locations that were still unoccupied. This we found a difficult job, and soon gave it up in that locality. After a further examination we commenced our return trip to Emerson, which was reached three weeks after leaving on our outward trip. One of the greatest luxuries we enjoyed during the whole trip was at a place called Alexandra City, consisting of one house, which was the post office. Here we met a man leading a cow whose udder was badly swollen with milk, and, as the man could not milk, he invited us to help ourselves, which we proceeded to do with great satisfaction to all parties concerned. From Emerson we returned to Winnipeg, where we met many of the O. A. C. boys who were very glad to meet us."



#### LOCALS.

Albert! Albert! Are you sick?

An object of rousing importance—the gong.

Have you seen my dog anywhere?

The exams are drawing near—Miller has gone home.

Rod Fitz, did you see your girl this afternoon?

Fitz—Yes, she was with a fellow driving a *shaved* horse.

Findlay (looking at a half Durham and half Jersey calf) That's a nice Guernsey calf.

Why is Fitz like a sea-squirt?

Because, if you touch him, he will throw water at you.

McLean—Oh, you brutes! you brutes! Where are my trousers?