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Ex-students will confer a great favor on the Editors of this Journal by sending news, particularly experiences of practical value.

## EDITORIAL.

After several unsuccessful attempts to issue a paper in connection with the O. A. C., at last dawns the day when our maiden number is to be published. That this event will be hailed with delight by students, ex-students and friends of the College is what we expect. In case it does not receive the hearty support which it ought to receive we shall not be discouraged, but in time we shall surmount all obstacles. In fact we mean business and do not intend that our efforts shall end in failure. We have eagerly looked forward to the day when a paper managed and edited by students of the only college which has for its avowed object the training and uplifting of the agricultural classes, should be sent out from the walls of so noble an institution as this which graces our fair Province.

Our stout little craft is launched upon the sea of criticism with some misgivings as to the success of its voyage. There is no doubt it will pass through many a fight and gale. Possibly, it may ship water at some points, yet we would ask of its readers that they be not too harsh or severe in their criticisms—"sleep gentle winds before the prow." You must not expect raw recruits to be as good marines as veteran tars. After some of the bullets have flattened against our good ship's sides—or possibly some may pierce her bulwarks—her occupants will then look about to see

where she is lacking in strength and remedy the defects as far as possible. Meanwhile, every precaution has been taken to ensure success and a prosperous trip. Over areas wide, by land and sea, she must go reminding absent ones that they are not forgotten and those present that a new field is opening before them. Ex-students and friends we wish to shake hands with you through the columns of our paper. Do you feel discouraged with yourself and your work? We wish to give you encouragement by letting you know of the good work that is being done here and the good effect it is having on the agriculture of the Province. Would you like to visit the scenes of bygone days? We extend to you a hearty welcome, and if you have never paid us a visit, do so, and see the place for yourself and the work that is being accomplished. Does the project of a paper in connection with the College meet with your approval? If so, we should be pleased to note it and any suggestions you may make in regard to improvement shall receive fair consideration. Although her sons are scattered in almost every land where the rays of the sun fall, yet the O. A. C. has a maternal interest in the welfare of all of them. Nothing pleases her better than to have her children gather round the "festal board" once a year at the annual reunion of the family. If you cannot be here in person send your greetings and we shall be pleased to acknowledge them for the young dame who may be too busy with her present family to attend to the wants of absent ones.

It will ever be the aim of our paper to stimulate the interest of the students in the institution of which they form a part. To the ex-students we wish it to be a bond of union between them and their *alma mater*. Like a letter from home or from a friend, we wish the REVIEW to be to them telling them all the news of their once temporary home and what events have occurred on the farm, in the halls, class-rooms, and different societies during each month of the College year. Old faces and scenes will be brought to remembrance and life will be more pleasant after a perusal of its columns. By means of the Professors attending a great many Farmers' Institutes the farming communities have been made acquainted with the men who are in charge of the Farmers' College and the work which is being done, and by means of the paper we hope to make them acquainted with the class of students who attend here. A new era is now beginning to dawn more bright, more illustrious, and more productive of real and lasting good than any which the College has yet seen. To aid on the good work and to gain for it a standing of merit among the many institutions of learning will be a cardinal principle in the management of the REVIEW. We shall always be pleased to publish news in regard to any one who has been connected with the College, and any person who may possess information concerning ex-students, as to their whereabouts and occupation, will be conferring a favor by sending us the same. We shall also be pleased to receive from students and alumni short, racy articles on any popular subject.