

broader outlook upon life. The old conservative adage of letting "Sleeping dogs lie," gradually mouldered to dust and on September 18th John found himself wending his way down the lane from the old log cabin and up the road to the depot with a firm resolution in his mind, that in the realms of science at the Ontario Agricultural College he would find an answer to the many troublesome problems which he had before confronted with brute strength and ignorance.

The following day John found himself bewildered and alone, thumping down a "ten spot" before the Secretary of the college in order that he might become a full-fledged student of O.A.C. Next in order he came face to face with Dean Mitchener, who at a casual glance took for granted there was trouble ahead and gathered in a "five spot" in remuneration for the windows, past, present or future, which had been, were, or might be broken, pitchers broken and other anticipated damages at the hands of this well-directed, man-fearing youth. Having located his little area of one hundred and twenty square feet in which he was to be hemmed in by four bare walls he at last heaved a sigh of relief and set about to arrange his few small household articles with a faint suspicion that the worst was yet to come.

Suddenly a knock was heard at the door and a great husky Sophomore peaked around the corner and addressed the occupant—"Tomorrow we hope to see you on the campus in clothes suitable for sheep-washing,—do you hear?" Full of fear and trembling John went out to enquire as to what was up. What great calamity was to befall him next! The next day in obedience to his Sophomore lord and master he "with rags all around and his hat stove in" marched

forth with his classmates dreading the consequences but fearing most the shrewd glance and stern hand of the Sophomore. Unexpectedly came out the call from the Sophomore ranks: "Freshmen will advance on all fours in single file and receive the pat of the hand from their college brethren to speed them on their way." This completed and having staged a very interesting program of events ranging from speeches which exhibited oratorical powers of Cicero to athletics which vie with the acrobatic fly in agility they prepared for the bump.

Like soldiers of the king, the Freshmen allied themselves around the flag to defend it from the onrush of the Sophomores. Down the hill came the Sophomores, and in a shady secluded retreat the quarrel began with a ready supply of egg omelet and tomato salad (?) to satisfy the hunger of the warriors.

"When the day was over, and the battle lost and won,

The Freshies all were ghastly pale
beneath the setting sun."

At last the preliminaries of the college course were completed and John, feeling none the worse for his initiation girded himself to the task of studying out the polysepalous, epipetalous flower, the laws of gravity, the beautiful little chrysomeloid insect and the hyper development on the posterior interior surface of the cuboid bone.

As John was deeply interested in drawing "the plan and elev-a-tion of a block of wood" his neighbor, Bill, rushed into the room and after much persuasion inticed John to accompany him to the opera with a couple of fair ladies. It was ten o'clock and all was well. Eleven o'clock found John strolling peaceably toward the college with visions of romance dancing before him. Crack! Crack! Surely that cannot