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O. A. C. ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.



HE Athletic Association of the Ontario Agricultural College held its first annual supper on Friday evening, October 28th, at the College. The dining hall was decorated for the occasion, and the tables were laden with an abundance of cheer. Mr. Beckett, the retiring President, occupied the chair. On his right were Mr. Sharman, the Honorary President, and Prof. Hunt, the organizer of the association; while Mr. W. J. Brown, the President elect, and Mr. R. S. Shaw, the captain of the foot ball club, supported him on the left.

After full justice had been done to the requirements of the inner man, the toast list was opened with The Queen, proposed by the chairman, and responded to by loyal cheers and the National Anthem.

In rising to propose the toast of the evening, The Athletic Association, Mr. Sharman thanked the members for the honor they had conferred on him by electing him as their Honorary President, and assuring them of his hearty sympathy and co-operation. This was the initial year of the association; although there had been athletic clubs in previous years, there had been no union of their interests. The "Athletic Association" would bring the students together and strengthen the College "esprit de corps." In this day of organization, Athletic Unions should take a foremost place. Man is a complex being, and the physical side of his nature should not be neglected. The benefits of Athletics are two-fold: recreation and development. It is an erroneous supposition that farming develops a man physically, as it is liable to exercise the muscles at the expense of the vital organs—the lungs.

The college is the proper place for education; it is, therefore, the place for physical education. Physical education is the aim of the Athletic Association. Its members should aim, not so much at winning matches or breaking records, as at developing to the full extent the powers of every student. He (Mr. Sharman) hoped that all the games would be fully developed, and that the field-day would grow more and more successful every year. While he warned them against any approach to professionalism, he urged them to set before themselves a high ideal, and to remember that the best was yet to come. The toast was received and was ably responded to by the Presidents retiring and elect.

Professor Hunt considered it an honor to propose the health of the football club. During the past two years the club had achieved a brilliant record, which had culminated on the previous Saturday in a score of nine goals to nothing. He then briefly enumerated the lessons taught by football and the benefits derived by its players. He hoped every student would take part in this manly game, and advised them to read President Adams on the "Moral Force of the Athletic Field."

In conclusion, he said that the team would, on the morrow, play the first foreign match of the season, and asked all present to join with him in the College yell, that its echoes might accompany the boys on their trip, and cheer them unto victory.

After a hearty Ra, Ra, Ra, Mr. R. Shaw, the captain of the first, and Mr. A. Phin, the captain of the second team, responded in brief but happy speeches.

The health of the Literary Society was proposed by L. W. Eaton, who hoped that in the enthusiasm of athletic spirit the claims of this useful organization would not be forgotten. Our graduates will be expected to take the lead among the farmers of the province, and in order to do this well they need the training which the Literary Society is fitted to impart. He hoped that every student would take an interest in the society and that its motto would be "Progress." The President, R. Harcourt, responded in a few appropriate remarks.

James Atkinson proposed the health of the association which supplies a vital need in the college life—the Y. M. C. A. He asked those present to join in singing one verse of the Y. M. C. A. hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

The following toasts then followed;

Members of III year; proposed by J. J. Ferguson; responded to by J. A. S. Burns and A. M. Soule.

Members of II year; proposed by L. G. Bell; responded to by Wm. Callum and P. B. Kennedy.

Members of I year; proposed by F. Walker; responded to by C. M. Macfie and W. M. Newman.

The Press; proposed by C. A. Hamilton; responded to by G. E. Day and F. C. S. Carpenter.

The Ladies; proposed by H. Story; responded to by P. B. Kennedy.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Matron, Mrs. Craig, and her staff, for their efforts to make the supper a success.

After a few appropriate remarks by Prof. Hunt, in which he congratulated the association on their choice of an Honorary President and called attention to the taste shown by Mr. Sharman in the designing of the toast lists, the meeting closed by all joining hands and singing a verse of "The Tie which Binds."

The thanks of the association are due to Mr. A. M. Soule for his humorous character songs, which were well received, and to the members of the orchestra whose selections did much to enliven the proceedings of the evening. The wish was expressed by many present that the supper might become a permanent feature, and that next year the association might enjoy the company of many of its friends from the city.



A SECOND YEAR MAN'S DREAM.

During the holidays I spent a great deal of time meditating upon my chances of passing my second year exams, and also on the probable composition of the first year. It grieved me to think that, as they would probably be as fine a lot as usual (?), they would commence their year here unprepared for such a task.

I passed many sleepless nights with these subjects weighing on my mind, but at length I one night fell asleep. I seemed to have slept but a few moments when I awoke with a start, and found the room flooded with light, and standing in the midst of it, what I took to be a cross be-