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EDITORIAL.



ALL'S dark and comfortless, might truly be said of the corridors of our college during the past month. Students usually look forward to the holiday season with great expectations and begin to lay their plans long before the term expires. The Xmas once over, they lay aside all thoughts of study, or serious employment of

any kind and go in for what is usually known as a jolly good time. And most of them have it too. For there is no one who is able to get such a great amount of pleasure out of a few short weeks as the student who is home for his holidays, for he usually has everything his own way, and no one ever thinks of upsetting his plans or interfering with his action in any way. Truly he is monarch of all he surveys, and he uses his power without remorse.

Contrast this with the position of the poor fellow who has to stay at college during his holidays! Surely the Fates have deserted him. With nothing to do he wanders aimlessly up and down, in and out, and all over, hunting for somebody to talk to, and always wondering what he will do next. Too lazy to study, and unable to sleep, he has a queer time of it. He cannot truly be said he lives, he merely exists. Now and then he stirs himself up and manages to go for a walk or secure a little exercise in some other way. Occasionally there will be a few who are not so dormant as the rest and may manage to infuse a little energy in the others now and then, but altogether it is a very unenviable way to pass one's holidays, and if there are any of our readers who are entertaining the idea that idleness is at all conducive to happiness just let them spend their Christmas holidays at the O. A. C. with nothing at all to do.

Even the impetuous Logie does not perambulate through the halls an hour after he should be in bed, and the dexterous S. P. Smith, has long ceased to play his mischievous pranks upon all who may happen to come near him. Even the genial King will not crack a joke or sing a song until he has been rolled around two or three times. We do not think that King has quite recovered from the fit of despondency into which he was thrown by the shrill and doleful music (?) that issued from the opposite room toward the close of last term.

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We are pleased to note that the new dairy building which has received considerable attention lately, is now completed. It is a very substantial brick building about 40 feet by 85 feet, and we do not think that for utility and convenience, it can be surpassed. It contains two large classrooms, a large room for milk separating, and rooms for instruction in other branches of the dairy, also a library, dormitories and bathrooms.

The unprecedented success which has accompanied the dairy school since its establishment is remarkable. For some time there has been talk of starting a school in which to teach butter-making, cheese-making, milk-testing and all subjects relating to the dairy, but it was not until last year that any decided action was taken. The dairy buildings were fitted up, instructors employed, and the school was opened. About fifty students attended, and all expressed themselves well pleased with the course.

Owing to the large number of applicants this year it became necessary to provide more accommodation, and consequently it was decided to construct a new building. Even now more are applied for admission than can be accommodated, so that a number had to be refused.

There are in attendance now over one hundred and more are coming in all the time. While this number of well-equipped dairymen are being scattered through the Province every year we need have little fear that Ontario will ever lose the honors which she won in dairying at Chicago last summer.

We desire to take advantage of this opportunity and extend a very cordial welcome to the students of this school. We extend to you a hearty invitation to our Y. M. C. A. meetings and to the Literary Society, and we hope that your short sojourn at the O. A. C. will be very pleasant as well as profitable.

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We are glad to see that the people of the country are taking such a keen interest in all that transpires about this institution, as is evinced by the great attention which the press is giving us and the watchful eye which they are keeping over us. This is a good sign, and we only hope that it will continue. It shows that the people are alive to their own interest. But what pleases us most is the enormous amount of generous sympathy extended and the kind words of advice given to those responsible, when any unforeseen accident may occur; for the mere fact of our being a Government institution does not prevent Fate from overtaking us occasionally. If any unavoidable accident occurs, such as the loss of a particular crop, or of a few animals from a common disease, words of advice are showered upon our officers from every hand. Some point out the cause, others the remedy, and others, again who are still more generous, how to avoid it altogether. We are sure that this is appreciated very much by our officers, who are striving with might and main to advance the interests of the institution, and are always anxious to add to their knowledge from the experience of others. Personally we can scarcely help but be amused at some of these things. But then upon more serious reflection we cannot help considering that much of the good reputation of the College will certainly be lost when our officers who have made a life study of some of these matters are unable to fathom questions concerning them which are so easily solved by others whose work has never even thrown them into contact with many of these problems. To understand is beyond our comprehension. When we think of it we are lost in thought, and we at last give it up, remembering that there are some questions in this world which were never intended for man to understand.

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Teaching Teams to Pull.

IT is a real pleasure to have a team that can be relied upon to pull whenever wanted to do so. Any team, if not of too high nervous temperament, may be trained to perfect reliability. We need first of all and forever to recognize that a horse has a mind, and at the least, the mental qualities of memory and affection. The consideration of paramount importance in this matter is to develop the teams' confidence in themselves and in their driver. It is just as true of a horse as of a man that he will not exert himself greatly over what he has no hope of accomplishing. But different from man a horse thinks of previous loads instead of the one to which he is attached. This is the reason a bulky horse is apt to refuse to pull a very light load. He has no way of estimating his load only by pulling upon it. Hitch a horse to a very heavy load, let him pull upon it, then transfer him to an empty wagon and start him. You will see him gather himself up for a heavy pull. He has in mind the heavy load. Had the