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*The dignity of a calling is its utility*

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## Editorial.

THE annual event of greatest interest to all ex-students is again drawing near. In the past, the Experimental Union has been one of the most enjoyable gatherings to which our old students have looked forward; and it is to be hoped that many will avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting again the scene of by-gone College days, and of renewing the acquaintances and refreshing the friendships of earlier days. The programme which is being arranged promises to be in no way inferior to those of former years, so all who come may expect a treat indeed. The students of the present year are looking forward to the time with expectant interest; and we take this opportunity to extend for them a hearty welcome to every one who has at some time attended the Ontario Agricultural College.

WE are glad to learn that the Guelph Fat Stock Club are arranging to hold their annual show on a date to coincide with the Experimental Union. This arrangement will prove very advantageous for all those attending the Union who are interested in live stock. The "Smithfield of Canada" has won for its annual show a reputation which must be gratifying to those in charge. We think the arrangement should induce more to embrace the opportunity of attending two such events than might otherwise do so.

OUR Battery has achieved success again. Six times has the Sixteenth Field Battery, recruited from this College, won the Governor-General's Cup. Last year we stood second, being nine marks behind the winners. Upon entering camp in June, our boys decided that the College should stand in this as it does in other lines, at the head of the list. They went to work with

characteristic zeal, the officers doing their part, and now are declared winners with about forty marks to spare. We are not boastful, but let no one insinuate that the 16th is not all right. On account of the early closing, some difficulty is expected in securing a sufficient number from the College to man the Battery in the future. However, the inducement of being connected with the very best battery of its class in the Dominion, along with the probable chance for promotion, should influence enough to remain over to make up the required number.

IN this institution, as in every institution of the kind, there are a number of societies entirely under the control of the student body. These societies, such as the Literary Society, the Athletic Association or the Young Men's Christian Association, are kept in existence from year to year solely for the improvement of the students. That these societies aim at a worthy object need scarcely be asserted. Students do not spend years at College for nothing, but come for development. We read much of all-round men, and it has been proved over and over again that no man can be perfect who is not developed proportionately on all sides. A one-sided man must necessarily be an ill-balanced man.

With these facts before us, we must conclude that, in order to make the most of our College training, we should seize those opportunities which enable us to develop the three sides of our nature equally. The Literary Society, with the general studies of the course, helps us to develop our powers of thought and of speech; the Y.M.C.A. allows of the development of our spiritual nature; and the Athletic Association gives us facilities the use of which should build up our physical powers. We would like to see every student support these various societies in a way that would tell for their own benefit.