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Experimental Union Meeting.

The time fixed for the next meeting of the Experimental Union is Thursday and Friday, the 10th and 11th of December. There is, however, to be a re-union of the ex-students on Wednesday evening previous to the regular sessions of the Union. The time occupied during the meetings of the Association in the past has been so completely taken up by the addresses and discussions on agricultural and kindred subjects that time for social mingling has been very limited. We believe that this is a mistake, as one of the most pleasant features of a re-union of this nature is the renewing of old friendships and the forming of new acquaintances. All ex-students are asked to meet in the College reading room on Wednesday evening at 6.30 o'clock in order that there may be a good hearty hand-shaking, and an appropriate commencement of the evening's entertainment, arrangements for which are being made.

Instead of having a regular session of the Union on Thursday morning, December 10th, there will be a systematic inspection of the Poultry, Dairy, Experimental Feeding, Live Stock, Bacteriological, Experimental, Horticultural, Botanical, and Chemical Departments, which will be explained by those in charge of these departments. The heads of the different departments, two-thirds of whom are ex-students of the College, will be greatly pleased to explain the various lines of work which are being carried on at the present time. We believe that three-and-a-half hours spent in this way will be both profitable and interesting to those who have at some time been students at the College, and who continue to take a very warm interest in the welfare of their Alma Mater.

The regular sessions of the Experimental Union will be held on

the afternoon and the evening of December 10th, and the forenoon and afternoon of December 11th. One of the principal features of these sessions will be the presentation of and the discussion on the results of experimental work conducted by the Union during the past year. These discussions will be along the lines of live stock, dairying, horticulture, apiculture, botany and agriculture. This is the first time that the Committee on Live Stock will present a report to the meeting of the work accomplished, and we are sure that the information which this Committee will present at the coming meeting will be received and discussed with much interest. The report of the Committee on Agriculture will deal with fifteen distinct experiments conducted during the past year. This report will be of much value, as no less than 2,260 ex-students of the College and other farmers throughout Ontario has been engaged in this work since the last meeting of the Experimental Union.

All those who anticipate attending the Union will be pleased to learn that the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Ontario; Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion of Canada; Mrs. J. Hoodless, Principal of the School of Science, Hamilton, Ontario; Mr. Chas. E. Thorne, Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio; and Mr. Thos. Greiner, author of "How to Make the Garden Pay," etc., La Salle, New York, have consented to be at the meeting and deliver addresses. Mr. Thorne, in reply to the invitation to be present and deliver an address, wrote as follows: "I am in receipt of your kind invitation to attend the next meeting of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union, which I assure you that it gives me much pleasure to accept, as there is no group of agricultural educators and investigators in America in whose work I have greater interest than those connected with the Ontario Agricultural College." It will be pleasant for the ex-students to know that Prof. J. A. Craig, of Madison, Wisconsin, who addressed the Union meeting last year, wrote the following after his return home: "I cannot speak too highly of the peculiar field of the Union and its usefulness. I believe it is the most valuable kind of experimental work which is being conducted in any part of the world."

As the Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show, and the annual meeting of the Dominion Cattle, Sheep, and Swine Breeders' Associations are to be held in Guelph on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the same week as the annual meeting of the Experimental Union, an opportunity will be afforded those who attend the Union meeting to also attend any or all of these gatherings of the Live Stock Associations within the one week.

In order to secure reduced rates on the railroads, visitors to the Union must purchase first-class full rate one-way tickets to Guelph (or to the nearest Junction station, if through tickets cannot be obtained), and obtain from each agent from whom a ticket is purchased, a Standard certificate form, certifying that a full rate one-way ticket has been purchased. All agents are instructed to supply these free of charge to all who purchase tickets as above and ask for a Standard certificate. This certificate must be filled up and signed by the Secretary of the Union, and will then entitle the holder to return at one-third of one-way first-class fare. The reduced rates will commence December 4th and continue until December 15th.

C. A. ZAVITZ, Secretary.