

glad to get them. It is a long time since I last heard from anyone at the O.A.C. Though nearly all the names seem strange to me now; the doings of the College teams, and the accounts of college life are as interesting to me as ever.

I can remember the days when the shape of *circium arvense* caused me endless forebodings, and the loss of many meals (?) Now I don't think all the botanical treatises in the world could keep me awake one night after a day's work, or could galleries of snow pictures arouse one shiver in me at the end of a day's trek over the desert sand.

This is a hot and exhausting country even to a sort of salamander like myself.

This is a great place for rubbing up one's Biblical history. I have even seen the pillar that Samson is reputed to have broken. After looking at the pillar, however, I have my doubts as to the truth of the story, or else as to the authenticity of the 24 inch diameter marble pillar I was shown. I have also seen the village Delilah inhabited, and the home of Jacob, and several other celebrities. Agriculturally, this isn't an altogether barren landscape. It looks very much like parts of the Transvaal. There are huge areas of barley and wheat, and numerous orchards scattered about the place. Unfortunately the fruit isn't ripe yet, but when it does ripen, we ought to be able to get any amount of figs, and dates, and some grapes, though these latter will certainly not bring up to the size of those described in the old testament.

Well, I have taken up sufficient of your valuable time now, and won't trespass on it any longer. Excuse the hackneyed ending, and give my best wishes to any one who still remembers me.

Yours sincerely,

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An interesting account of a Macdonald Institute graduate was seen in a London paper the other day. Miss Roberta McAdams, '11, is dietitian at Orpington, with the rank of a lieutenant. She hopes by autumn to be a member of the Canadian House of Commons for the Province of Alberta. If elected, she will represent some 38,000 soldiers from that province. She is looking after the culinary needs of about 2,000 patients.

On Production

Mr. W. J. Bell, B.S.A., has been appointed Principal of the Agricultural School which the Ontario Government is establishing at Kemptonville for Eastern Ontario. Mr. Bell comes from Dufferin County, and taught school a number of years. Since graduating at Guelph, he has been in the Institutes Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. He is reported as an excellent livestock man. His appointment takes effect on September 1st.

Although the school will not be open for students in the regular courses, this year, there is a great deal of preliminary work to be done which will require the attention of a principal. The livestock judging pavilion will be finished this year, in which short courses will be held during the winter months. The two hundred-acre farm is also being operated by the Government, and a herd of dairy cattle is being assembled. The work is therefore being advanced as rapidly as possible under war conditions, and everything should be in shape for starting the institution on full running as soon as war is over.

A.B. McDonald, B.A., '18, Dist. Representative for Guysboro, N.S., reports that he will be unable to con-