

miums this year total up about \$800 (eight hundred dollars). We wish "Billy" success in his favorite line of stock raising.

We are pleased to behold once more the smiling countenance of genial Fred. C. Elford '95. Early last Spring Fred was forced to discontinue his studies here on account of his eye sight failing, since then he has been engaged in raising "shoats" Berkshires being his favorites until lately but the growing demand for lean bacon has caused him to deviate from his original course, and to grow something larger. We regret very deeply that Fred's eyesight is not improving much.

Prof. Panton, who has suffered much with his left eye for the past few years, thought it expedient to have it taken out. He has had several operations performed upon it, with a view of permanent cure, but medical skill has been in vain. The operation, though a painful one, has not interfered materially with the Professor's duties.

Prof. Jno. A. Craig, Madison, Wis., a graduate of '89 was present at our Union and gave a practical, instructive talk on Feeding Sheep. Prof. Craig is a Canadian and hails from Russell county. He is an impressive lecturer and was listened to with much interest.

Fred. T. Lailey, '95, has purchased a fruit farm near St. Catharines. He reports a fairly successful season, notwithstanding the severe early frosts.

W. R. Graham, B. S. A., is engaged in the poultry business at Bayside, near Belleville. Ever since "Dick" used to "fight roosters" he has had a tender feeling for the feathered tribe, and his discourse in the discussion on "Poultry" at the Union was evidence of his practical work along this line.

At the recent plowing match held on the farm, among the first and second year students, Archibald Campbell, Dalmeny, Russell county, won first; Charles King, Guelph, second; James Thomas, Woodville, Victoria county, third; Alexander Kennedy, Limehouse, Halton county, fourth; and Theodore Wiandja, Sparrow Lake, Muskoka, fifth. The prizes were awarded by the farm foreman, Mr. Ronnie.

Wm. Squirrel and F. Benson acted as judges.

## Athletics.



THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION held their annual dinner on Friday, November 29th, and it was a pronounced success. The toast list being considerably shortened the proceedings came to an end at a reasonable hour and we were spared the tediousness of listening to toasts and speeches for two or three hours, as has been the case in past years.

Mr. Paterson occupied the chair, and in his opening speech said

he thought there was a lack of College spirit among the students. By College spirit he meant that students should uphold the name of the College in every way. If they did not actually take part in the various matches, they should cheer on those who did. Athletics are important besides study and should have their place. Athletics, like everything else, can be carried to excess, but were necessary for the proper development of the physical part of man. He congratulated Mr. Atkinson on having won the first prize in the county walking race on Thanksgiving Day and said that the prize, a diamond ring, was well worth having won.

The toast of "The Queen" having been proposed and "God Save the Queen" sung, Mr. Wigham followed with the fine old song "The Death of Nelson," which he rendered in his usual acceptable way.

Mr. Clark then proposed the toast of the O. A. C., which it is needless to say was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

Mr. Reynolds, replying, made an excellent speech and one that we can all afford to think over.

This is an age of specialties. There was a too general opinion that the agricultural profession required no special training. The success of the O. A. C. depends on whether a special training in agriculture will not be profitable if we cling to the principles of the old adage "Tickle the earth and it will laugh with a harvest," but people are beginning to realize that agriculture is a science and calls for a scientific training.

Unlike other agricultural colleges, where agricultural science had been superseded to a great extent by other sciences, the O. A. C. had had the courage to remain true to her sailing orders and agriculture was still the principal subject taught.

Mr. Morgan then gave "Love's old, sweet song," which was heartily enjoyed by all present.

Dr. Mill's in proposing the toast of the Association said he was very much pleased with Mr. Reynolds' speech. He differed from Mr. Paterson in considering that there was a lack of "esprit-de-corps." He thought both present and past students had a warm attachment to their "Alma Mater" and a great many of the new students came on the recommendation of ex-students.

Mr. Day in responding spoke on the advisability of prizes at the annual field day. He thought they had a place. In 1872 when the first annual field day was held he remembered that there were no prizes at all and the champion athlete for that year had to content himself with the honor alone.

Mr. Ed. Johnson brought the proceedings to a close with a song which was heartily encored and we were treated to a capital rendering of the touching little song, entitled the "Sunshine of Paradise Alley."

We must thank Mr. Johnson for his songs and hope that it will not be the last time that we will hear him in College halls.

The much talked of County Road Race was held on Thanksgiving day and the O. A. C. took more than its share of the prizes. In the walking race of 10 miles, James Atkinson took first place and Mooney fifth place. In the running races of the same distance Woodcock was third, G. A. Smith fourth, and Johnson fifth, so that in the two races the O. A. C. took five prizes out of the ten that were offered.