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GREETING.

WITH this issue, our REVIEW once more enters upon another of its short but happy annual voyages. During this year, it will be manned by an almost entirely new crew, who, although they may possess the regulation supply of muscle and average amount of brain, are still sadly deficient in the knowledge so essentially necessary to a successful career on the much-troubled sea of journalism. In the past, our vessel has proven herself so thoroughly seaworthy that we entertain strong hopes that she may weather any gales which she may encounter and come safely to anchor in port next June with all her crew alive, though in all probability some of them may be badly shaken.

If, during the year, our scribbling zeal should appear to our readers to lag somewhat, we would ask their kind indulgence. Do not attribute any failure of ours to entertain and please you to any weakness in the spirit of our purpose, but rather to—well, put it down to the depressing influence of the bread pudding.

As these columns have so often informed you, our paper has several objects in view. One of the chief of these is to serve as a link which shall unite in the bonds of acquaintance and fellowship the members of the great ex-student body and those who are still privileged to drink from the fountains of knowledge within the halls of their *Alma Mater*. Consequently, it is to our students and ex-students that we look for the largest measure of our support. But, at the same time, we hope and intend trying, to have the tone and teachings of our little sheet such that any one interested in the great science of which we are humble students will be pleased and benefitted by a perusal of its pages.

In addition to this, items of local interest will be served up in the most palatable style by a couple of our most wide-awake second-year men who are literally lights among the ranks of their fellows. The effect of which will be to acquaint those living outside our college walls with the fact that our institution is still a live and thriving one.

And now, after having evaded the dreaded subject for so long, we at last feel that, since it is in the interest of humanity in general and the financial department of the REVIEW in particular, we are in duty bound to inform our readers of a few facts in connection with the successful management of our paper. In the first place, then, our publishers are men who exist in bodily form, and as such they require some "tangible evidence" of our thankfulness towards them for the printing of our paper.

It depends largely upon you, kind reader, if this "tangible evidence" be forthcoming at the proper time. During the past few years, hundreds of copies of the REVIEW have been sent to our subscribers; for a large number of these we have received no return other than the now classical re-emption "stop my paper," with the more modern addition "your remarks were a personal insult." Now, nothing is further from our intention than to insult any person, even if he be as meek and harmless as a first year man. But we do take the stand—and we think rightly so—that if a man is able to read our paper he ought also to be able to pay for it. So then, when you receive a copy of this number,

if you wish to become a paid subscriber for the coming year please notify us to that effect. At the same time kindly remit to us the price of your subscription for this year, and, if at all possible, the amount for which you may perhaps half-unconsciously be in arrears. Our object in writing thus pointedly is to avert any possibility of having our worldly goods threatened by the Sheriff's officer, as they came very near that dread consummation a few short years ago.

We would not like to be forced to utter our Macedonian call again during the year; neither do we desire to be reduced to the humiliating condition of having passers-by gaze up at the window of our sanctum and seeing there the doleful legend, "Stopped publication because the source of our vitality dried up."

And now, gentle reader, we have dwelt long enough on the subject of "filthy lucre." Kindly receive these few practical points in the same spirit as that which prompted them, but at the same time do not forget to respond in a more mercenary one.

SUMMER CARE OF CATTLE.

Where late spring and early summer join is perhaps the only time when cattle may safely and profitably be left to themselves.

The length of this period will vary with the season and with local conditions. It is, however, much shorter than the average practice would indicate,—six or seven weeks under Ontario conditions being an average length.

Pasture, temperature, and absence of annoying insects all tend to make it the most satisfactory both to owner and stock. But this, like many other good things, ends, and summer care begins. A goodly supply of fodder and of clean water become matters of immediate concern. Shelter from the heat and protection from the flies also require serious consideration.

An abundance of good fodder regularly supplied becomes a necessity, but not more so than any other of the aforementioned requirements.

Clean water, pure if possible, must be secured for the stock: since it is the carrying medium for the circulatory system, and the wherewithal to supply the needs of the respiratory system.

A spring creek convenient to the buildings is perhaps as satisfactory a supply as can be obtained except the artesian well, which, if a strong flow of good water be struck, is undoubtedly the most desirable.

Wells and cisterns entail a vast amount of labor at a very busy season unless wind power be used.

Shelter from the heat is absolutely necessary if more than meagre profits are looked for.

Protection from the annoyance of flies, or the lack of it, usually draws a line approaching very nearly to that dividing profit and loss.

In order that proper attention be paid to the first, third and fourth of these requirements it is unquestionably necessary that cattle be stabled during the day.

It would be useless to advocate such a course from any