

already intimated in the spring time of 1889, and was followed to his last resting place, on December 12th, by a vast concourse of people, who came to pay a most respectful and merited tribute to the memory of the youthful dead.

The brief interval since he received his degree was spent in the management of his father's farm, and the many improvements that he had already introduced were attracting the notice of the people of the neighborhood. But alas, on the very threshold of his life-work he was called away from it. The pillar of his parent's fondest earthly hopes was broken, for reasons that we may not fully know on this side the grave, and the deep well-spring of his large heart of human love became a cistern, shattered and dry.

A pathos almost inexpressibly touching clings to the last days of Mr. Soule. While on his death-bed he received letters from President Mills and Professor Shaw informing him that he had been chosen to accompany the latter in his lecturing tour among the farmers in the month of January, and he had in course of preparation a paper to be read at an Institute meeting already announced, to be held at Port Colborne on the 17th of December. It will interest the students to know that this paper was on the Ontario Agricultural College, and that although it exists only in the fragmentary form, it breathes a spirit of warm, true loyalty to this institution.

Mr. Soule was a general favorite at the College. Those who knew him most, knew best his worth. He had never learned hypocrisy or deceit, and his generosity was even larger than the manly breast from which it emanated. Unlike so many of to-day Mr. Soule was better than his words.

Why Robert Murray Soule should be laid in a new-dug grave on the banks of the Niagara when only twenty-four, is mysterious indeed. Why the silver medal which he proudly bore away from the College in his year should so soon be left in a mother's hand to feed her tender sorrow, is strange indeed. Why his youthful hopes should be made to wither in a moment as though with an untimely blast of spring-time, is a question that we cannot answer here. Why he should be scarcely permitted to enter the domain of earthy usefulness so bright with promise when just ready, baffles the wisdom of men. There are questions that can alone be answered by the Ruler of the Universe who doeth all things well. Mr. Soule's services were doubtless more wanted in heaven than on earth or the loving messenger would not so soon have borne him thither. The young life apparently so incomplete on earth will go on eternally toward completion in those realms where no hindrances stand in the way of completest development. And all his fellow-students who desire to profit by the lesson of his early death, will redouble their diligence in using aright the precious seed time of eternity.

THERE was a very good debate on Friday, Nov. 15, when Messrs. Brown and Esterbrook upheld that "The practical work at the O. A. C. should have a more prominent place than the theoretical." Messrs. Hadwen and R. E. Cowan took the negative side and after some good speaking, won. Mr. Perry gave a capital speech on his acquaintanceship with our sorrow-faced friends from the land of pig-tails, relating some interesting facts about John Chinaman. Our two rising vocalists, Messrs. Thomas and Worthington favored us with songs, and Mr. Faithfull contributed a reading.



PERSONAL.

H. R. Sweet, A. O. A. C. of '88, is farming near Selby, Ont.

F. Wettlaufer, Gold Medalist of '82, is a prosperous farmer near Tavistock, Ont.

A. E. Wark, A. O. A. C. of '84, is a very successful cheese manufacturer at Wanstead, Ont.

T. J. Horrocks, A. O. A. C. of '88, is travelling in the interests of a Toronto wholesale Patent Medicine Co.

C. R. Stevenson, A. O. A. C., of '88, in company with his brother, is conducting a fine farm at Fingal, Ont.

P. S. Idington, A. O. A. C. of '86, is managing a fine farm for his father at Stratford, Ont. He has under his charge a number of fine representatives of the Guernsey and Shorthorn breeds of cattle.

W. R. Bishop, A. O. A. C. of '88, is residing at his home near Brussels, Ont. He is an active member of the East Huron Farmers' Institute, at meetings of which he has read several excellent papers.

W. E. Serson, A. O. A. C. of '88, decided that single blessedness was a delusion, and accordingly, on the 20th ult., took to himself a wife in the person of Miss Vanluven. The staff extend them their best wishes for a happy voyage through life.

T. Raynor, B. S. A. of '89, has been delegated to address Farmers' Institutes, in the counties of Ontario, Durham, Victoria, and Peterborough, having associated with him Mr. John I. Hobson. Also, A. Lehmann, B. S. A. of '89, has been commissioned to do like work with Prof. Grenside, V. S., in the counties of Wentworth, Oxford, Elgin, Norfolk, and Haldimand.

We are always glad to hear of ex-students taking a prominent part in the deliberations of their fellow farmers, and were pleased to notice the name of F. W. Heacock, A. O. A. C. of '88, appearing on the list of speakers at the North York Farmers' Institute, to be held at Aurora, on Dec. 21st. His subject is "The care of Agricultural Implements."

W. J. Stover, A. O. A. C. of '82, and for a time member of the 3rd year Class of '89, writes us from Port Antonio, Jamaica, where he holds the position of instructor in Horticulture for the Boston Fruit Co. He speaks in glowing terms of the climate of the country and its productions. We hope ere long to receive an article "On Jamaica," from the pen of W. J., which would no doubt be appreciated by the readers of the Review.

J. G. Ross, A. O. A. C. of '81, sends us words of cheer. Upon his suggestion, some years ago, the Ontario Experimental and Agricultural Union considered the advisability of establishing a directory for the purpose of keeping a record of the whereabouts of ex-students. The suggestion, however, was not carried out; largely owing to the difficult nature of the undertaking. J. G. is now a member of the firm of P. S. Ross & Sons, chartered accountants, Montreal.