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Editorial



THE May number of the Review was issued under difficulties owing to the fact that the most of the members of the editorial staff were in the midst of a three weeks' struggle with the B. S. A. examination papers. But that ordeal has passed, the results have been announced, the successful candidates have obtained their coveted parchments and the unsuccessful ones have gone home to puzzle out the causes of their defeat. During the examinations the usual amount of kicking was done, and the wisdom of the examiners often called in question. These complaints had in many cases no good basis, for with one or two exceptions, the papers were only fairly difficult. The examiners would fail in their duty if they cheapened the degree by lowering the standard. At the same time it must be admitted that the examinations in the different subjects were not uniform; some admitted a large percentage of the class into first class honors, while others excluded all from obtaining more than a bare pass. There were cases also, where the best students were unable to cover fully all the questions in the allotted time, while those whose knowledge was more superficial covered the whole in a general way and so secured a better standing.

The amount of work required during the year in one of the special courses was by no means equivalent to that required in the others. When a student is compelled to spend five or six afternoons a week in the laboratory, while another spends only two, he is inclined to think that there is something wrong if the same degree is granted to each. These discrepancies we hope to see removed before another year by striking an average between the two, and rendering necessary an equal amount of work from all candidates for the degree.

With this our editorial duties on the Review terminate. Begun under ominous forecasts and continued often under difficulties, we feel a certain degree of satisfaction in having brought to a successful conclusion, Volume VIII of our college paper. The daily round of lectures and unremitting study necessary in the third year course,

leaves but little time for journalistic labors, and if at any time our efforts have fallen short it must be attributed to that cause. The Managing Editor wishes to place on record his appreciation of the able and hearty support given by the assistant editors. To Messrs. Ostler and Cass is due the credit for the agricultural articles, which have appeared during the year, while in the personal department we think the old boys will agree that Mr. Ross has done his duty well. Our Business Managers have also been hustlers, since we can lay claim to a greater number of paid up subscriptions than any previous year, and what pleases us more a larger dividend to share among ourselves at the end of the year. We feel sure that next year's staff will be able to take hold of the enterprise and achieve even greater success.

It is with a feeling of pride that we can look back over the present spring as an athletic season. After so much sickness and confinement as was experienced the past winter, the students, almost without exception, turned out upon the Campus to take part in some one of the many sports carried on there. Nor has this practice interfered with their studies to the extent of former years. The weather has been cooler and pleasanter, and all have been able to make the most of the short evening study hour. Of course, during these last days of June, all mental exertions of any depth are impossible owing to the presence of thousands of visitors every day, visitors who come here with the intention of seeing everything whether that everything may be public or private property.

To return to our former topic of athletics, we extend our hearty congratulations to the Football Team individually, and to the members of the Athletic Association in general for the great success, which they have achieved in this noble game. By winning the intermediate cup, they or rather we have at last placed ourselves in a position where our name has become known and through the name, so also the institution. How often, yet do we hear the Ontario Agricultural College spoken of as the Agricultural School of Guelph, or that still more offensive and misleading term, the Mole Farm! So it is our earnest hope that in the future, yet more signal victories may be won by the teams of the O. A. C. A. and we can then point with pride to the great success, which our students have attained both in the class-room and upon the athletic field.