he Evening Mercury R. S. Shaw. J. E. Crealy. R. Harcourt. HURSDAY EVE'G, JULY. 2, 1891 O. A. COLLEGE. 4, H. L. Becker 5, A. M. Soule 6, W. D. Dyer. 1, R. S. Shaw. 2, W. D. Dyer 8, A. F. Wiand 4, L. G. Bell. English Lite , L. G. Bell. , R. S. Shaw and Composition-3, W. H. Harvey. 4, H. L. Beckett. EECH BY HON. R. HARCOURT. The annual closing exercises of the nario Agricultural College were held in dining hall on Tuesday afternoon, I were perhaps the most successful in pleasant of these events. It was the ost successful or account of the large cleundance of visitors and friends, the good work the College has been doing, and the assured position it now holds in public esteem and pleasant, because the exercises were interesting and brief, the end of the proceedings being reached inside of two hours, a very welcome shortening of the proceedings being reached inside of two hours, a very welcome shortening of the proceedings being reached inside of the procedure by over one hour, a wise move considering the weather and the size of the hall. President Mills had charge, supported on the platform by Hon. Rionard Harcourt, Provincial Treasurer; Prof. James, the new Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Profs. Shaw, Panton, Shuttleworth and Grenside, of the College staff; Revs. Dr. Hannon, W. F. Clarke, R. J. Beattie, W. H. Harvey, D. Strachan (Rockwood), James Argo (Norval), Judge Drew, Sheriff McKim, Jas. Laidlaw, ex. M. P., John Campbell, M. A. In the hall were Revs. B. B. Williams, W. Hartley, R. Seaborn, Mayor Goldie, Col. Macdonald, County Crown Attorney Peterson: Dr. Bryce, Secretary Provincial Board of Health, Toronto; and other prominent citizens, tagether with Messrs. D. McFarlane, J. Lennie, J. Cowan, J. Taylor, W. Algarsoh, John Ramsey, P. Little, G. B. Hood, John McCorkindale. Walter West, A. Hadden, M. Cummings, and other well known farmers from the neighborhood. The ladies were out in full force, and the audience would number about five hundred. The hall was tastefully decorated.

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The President, in opening, said he was glad to be permitted to welcome the successful one. The attendance h Mathematic W. D. Dyer. H. L. Beckett. Agriculture, Live Stock, Dairying-1, W. L. Carlyle. 2, D. Z. Gibson. 3, R. N. Morgan. Natural Science 1, F. A. Wilkin. 2, D. Z. Gibson. 3, R. N. Morgan 1, W. L. Carlyle. 2, D. Z. Gibson 3, F. A. Wilkin. English Literature and Political Econ omy— 1, F. A. Wilkin. 1, F. A. Wilkin.

The gold medal was presented by Hon.
Mr. Harcourt, the Stanley silver medal by
Mr. James, the second silver medal by
Mr. Clarke, the Robertson medals by Mr.
Laidlaw and Mr. Strachan, and the prizes
by Profs. Panton, Grenside, Shuttleworth,
and Shaw, Revs. Hannon, Beattie, Harvey, and Sheriff McKim, all with appropriate words of commendation.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt then delivered an Hon. Mr. Harcourt then delivered an excellent address. After expressing his pleasure at being present, and referring to the unavoidable absence of Hon. Mr. Dryden, he touched on Ontario's territorial and natural wealth, and went on to speak of her educational institutions, showing how one depended on the other, the university supplying high school teachers, and the high schools public school teachers, and the high schools public school teachers, and the high schools public school teachers. He referred with pride to the progress of the Provincial university and the spread of higher education. He then said: Considering the special needs of this Province, remembering of what wast importance its agricultural interests are, all concede that much is to be expected from the successful management of this College. I believe that it is well equipped, that it has an able staff of teachers, and that its gradutates are exerting a wide influence for good. It has seen troublous days, ever and anon a flerce light has beat upon it, but it has not suffered for want of criticism, and it did seem for many a long day that it would die an untimely death. Some there are now who are unreasonable in their demands concerning it, yet the sottled and best public opinion views it as a necessity and bespeaks for it an honored career. Its future depends on continued good management, and it every student and graduate can do very much to contribute to its success. A word then to the students. Time was in this Province when to sow and to reap a rich return was a matter of course. While these conditions lasted there was but little need of study or thought of the part of our farmers. New conditions came apace. Keenest competition in markets, the equalising of values, the opening up of new and vast rich grain growing areas, rapid improvements in machinery—all these tended to introduce a new era and are bristling with difficulties to the farmer. What to grow, the rotation of crops, more attention and as the years went by the difficulties increased where.

Mr. A. G. McKenzie gave a comprehensive and clever valedictory. He referred to the various feelings which came over those students departing from the College. The course taught there should greatly benefit an he who intended to pursue agriculture as a calling. Though in existence from the beginning, agriculture had only recently become a profession, and it, and the College graduates, must be had only recently become a profession, and it, and the College graduates, must be loniently judged at first. The College had met with sharp criticism and opposition, but now the farmers were beginning to wonder if there was really anything in the way they did things at the Model Farm. The College was only a start; they had got the theory and they were now going out to put it in practice, to face the left dines of oxperience. After a humorons farewell of some of the studies, he said it would be the endeavor of the class to convince others of the benefit of the institution, to face to the right, and above all, to build up a true character. Mr. McKenzie was discrevedly applauded at the close of his address. dress.

The diplomas were then presented to the associates as follows, the chairman, in presenting them, and Mr. Harcourt, in bestowing the diplomas, varying the routine with humor and sound advice. The following is the list:

ASSOCIATES. ters which are now keenly discussed. The population of the United States is rapidly increasing; her arable lands are being cahausted; additions to her wheat supply from the opening of the new farms cannot therefore continue. She is now a formidable competitor for the sale of breadstuffs. Will she as soon as the existing surplus of cultivated acres shall be required to supply the needs of the added population pass into the rank of the bread importers? Will this change come, and when? If it does come it will end the era of cheap bread and world wide agricultural depression. Who can estimate the happy results flowing from a good increase in the purchasing power of an immense agricultural population? Each year's addition to the population of the United States necessitates annual additions of over \$0,00,000 bushels to the do mestic wheat supply. Again, all Europe west of Hungary has within a very few years become a purchaser of breadstuffs. France buys 20,000,000 bushels to wheat more than she did ten years ago. It l, Ont. C. Harrison, Ronda, Spain. F. Marsh, Thornbury, Grey, Ont. G. McKenzie, Fairview, Oxford, Ont. N. Morgan, Kerwood, Middlesex, A. Spencer, Salmon Point, Prince ompson, Thornton, Simco White, Clarksburg, Grey, Ont.

W. L. Carlyle, Chesterville, Dundas, Z. Gibson, Willow Grove, Haldimand, Ont. W. L. Haight, Wellington, Prince Ed-

W. F. Newcomen, Epping, Essex, Eng-C. Perry, Smithville, Lincoln, Ont C. H. Sparrow, Antrim, Carleton

Vilkin, Yokohama, Japan.
red to take botany again.
N. Mergan then, on behalf
fittingly returned thanks to the
for their hospitality. The for their nospitality. They to recognize, he said, the sympathy erosity shown towards the College, y in the support of their paper. I not intend to be deadweights; if t their lot to be leaders them-they would help the leaders. To bers and staff of the College, and to ty year boys, they returned thanks mally said farewell.

dals and prizes were then given MEDALLISTS.

College Gold Medal—D. Z. Gibson.
Stanley Silver Medal—F. A. Wilkin.
Second Silver Medal—R. N. Morgan.
Special medals given by Mr. J. W.
bertson, dairy commissioner for the

Robertson, unity Community Community

Agriculture, Live Stock and Dairying— 1, R. S. Shaw, O. A. C.; 2, J. E. Crealy, Strathroy, Middlesex, Ont. Natural Science—1, R. S. Shaw; 2, L. G. Bell, Qu'Appelle, Assa., N.W.T. Veterinary Science—1, R. S. Shaw; 2, W. D. Dyer, Columbus, Ontario County, ut.

nglish Literature-1, L. G. Bell; 2, R. Shaw.

Mathematics and Bookkeeping—1, W.

Dyer; 2, H. L. Beckett, Hamilton, tworth, Ont.
eneral Proficiency 1, R. S. Shaw; 2,
Crealy; 3, L. G. Bell.

enlture, Live Stock and Dairying— L. Carlyle; 2, D. E. Gibson. ral Science—1, F. A. Wilkin; 2, D.

These three alone lead life to sovereign power."
You have been storing your minds with useful facts. You have been making the great thoughts of great authors part of your own mental wealth, and you have learned, I trust, that for the student there is no rest. Knowledge widens, science grows, and the student cannot lag behind—nay, he cannot stand still even, else he will find himself lagging in the race:

"The makes ancient good uncount:
They must up and onward
Who would keep abreast of Truth."
Thus hurrielly I have been is peaking of ary Science—1, W. L. Carlyle; Literature and Political Economics F. A. Wilkin; 2, R. N. Morgan, natics and Bookkeeping—1, F. 2, D. Z. Gibson.

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for Essay on the B. S. A., P. E. I.

They must up and onward who would keep alreast of Truth."

Thus hurriedly I have been speaking of mere intellectnal culture. I hope that side by side with it you have been developing true manhood. Whatever may be your vocation, you would be as a ship without a rudder in mid-ocean in an angry storm if your moral and religious faculties were left untrained. Mere intellectnal gifts will not develop truest manliness. You must add to them those graces of heart and soul which true Christianity alone imparts. PRESENTATION TO PROF. JAMES. At the close of the regular programme a very interesting and pleasing event took place, being the presentation to Prof. James, the retiring Professor of Chem-

ing your high ideal you will do as British soldiers have done on many a field, "pick the flint and try it again." Apparant failures, moreover, may prove to be rich successes, since, as has been observed, it is not the attainment always which measures character, but the struggle to succeed, there being no swerving from the narrow path of duty. Tets me quote from the poet Laureate:

"Self reverence, self knowledge, self-control—These three alone lead life to sovereign power."

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years become a purchaser of breadstuffs. France buys 20,000,000 bushels of wheat more than she did ten years ago. It seems to me that this and similar subjects are of deepest interest, and, further, that they carry with them the promise of better times. I am glad to receive a good report of your work and progress, since what you do here at school is no slight indication of what you will accomplish in the near and busy future. Your success will largely depend upon your ideal. If, having worked faithfully and well at school and college, you will be content thereafter with a "rest and be thankful" motto, I cannot promise you success. Your systematic school and college work should be merely a prelude of hard, systematic, ceaseless work thereafter. A great writer says that the modern majesty consists in work, that what a man can do is his greatest ornament, and that he always consults his dignity by doing it. Failure now and then may, nay must, inevitably check your progress, but occasional failures will only quicken your zeal. While remembering your high ideal you will do as British soldiers have done on many a field, "pick the flint and try it again." Amprant BARGAIN DAY

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year, made the presentation, while Mr.
Held, 3rd year, read the following address:—
Dear Sin,—Having learned that your connection with this Institute is about to cease and that you have accepted an important position in another part of the wide field of Agriculture; and teeling this to be the last sime that you will appear before the students in the capacity of professor, we, on behalf of the students, desire to take rdvantage of the occasion to express to you both our regret and our congratulations.
We regret that you are about to leave us, that we shall not again be permitted to search with you into the depths of that while you are about to leave us, that we shall not again be permitted to search with you into the depths of that you will ever be remembered by those of us who have been forturate enough to take occurse at the college during your presence. Your interest in the welfare of students and graduates has shown that your heart was in your work.
We congratulate you that you have passed into such a high and honorable position as Deputy Minister of Agriculture for the Province. We recognize the fact that the prosperity of this country depends to a great extent on the development of its agriculture. To aid in this development skilful men must be placed at the head of affairs. We rejoice to think that you have been chosen as one of the managers of this great estate. We know that your new position you will further the cause of Agriculture and do your turnest to make Ontario the leading agricultural centre in the world.
You are about to depart from us but we feel sure that, although separated to

cultural centre in the world.
You are about to depart from us but we feel sure that, although separated to a certain extent from your former associations, you will ever keep a warm spot in your heart for our beloved Alma mater and assist in filling it to overflowing with the pick of Ontario's sons. May you have health and strength to carry on your work successfully.
We alse ask you to accept this accompanying present not for its intrinsic value, but as a small token of our respect and esteem.
Signed on behalf of the students:

Gree, Harcourt.

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Signed on behalf of the students:

Gra. Harcourr.

W. J. Palmers,
W. R. Youll.

Prof. James said there were certain cocasions which inspired a man with
thoughts and words; others, which onlycaused feeling. This was one of the latter. When he came to the College five or
six years ago, he came with fear and
trepidation, and if his work had been in
any degree a success, it was, in addition
to the help of the staff, because of the
sympathyand co-operation of the students.
If they were now to be partially separated, he hoped they would still look upon
their relationship not as teacher and
student, but as student and student. He
deeply appreciated their kind words, not
that he merited them, however, and
thanked them heartily for their remombrance of him.

Prof. James' skilful and thorough
work in his department, his gift of clear
and forcible expression, his unassuming
manner and constant readiness to help,
have made him a great favorite at the
College, and his loss will be much felt,
though his sphere of influence has been
raised and widened.

The gathering then broke up at four
o'clock, and were subsequently entertained by the Matron, Mrs. Craig, to refreshments in the reading room.

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