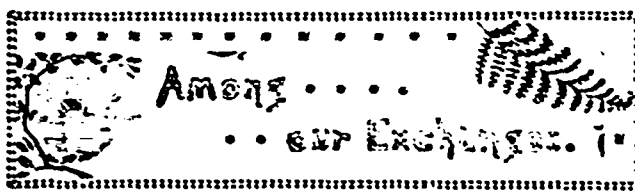


and bolsters and commenced belaboring the occupants of the rooms, who after recovering from their surprise fought well and gradually drove back their opponents. A gallant stand was made though at the head of the stairs; the fight was waxing hot and furious when up marched Professor Hunt causing a speedy dispersion of the armed warriors. One youth was caught by the President brandishing his trusty blade on the staircase, reminding one of Unshlopogaas' exploits as related in "Allan Quatermain."

At a recent meeting of the Literary Society it was resolved to give a prize of \$10 for the best essay on, "The Ontario Agricultural College as a Link in our Educational System." The length of the essay must not exceed 1500 words and is to be sent to the Secretary, Mr. Hunt, not later than May 31st. All students and ex-students will be allowed to compete, and we hope that a number of our best men will write that an excellent essay may be forthcoming. The object of having this essay written is, that it may be published in the REVIEW and in all the local, agricultural, and leading newspapers of the Province, so that the farmers may know what kind of work is being done at the Ontario Agricultural College, and thus induce a larger number of students to attend and thereby benefit both the agricultural interests and those of the College.

At the meeting of the Literary Society on March 7th, the programme opened with an interesting speech by Mr. Harris on the work of the ancient Druids. Mr. Hewgill's reading entitled "A Lost Youth," was nicely rendered and excellent appreciated. The subject of the debate was "That it would be better for the Advancement of Agriculture if the Graduates returned to the Farm." We had good, practical, and clever men to open the most important subject, as Mr. G. Harcourt, B. S. A., spoke on the affirmative side, and Mr. C. Zavitz, B. S. A., followed on the negative. Their colleagues were Messrs Conn and Mounts, both freshmen. The debate was well sustained and the discussion following animated, both house and committee decided in favor of the affirmative. Mr. A. Thompson, the College wit, testified in an amusing style "Uncle Ned's Defense."



We welcome to our table this month a copy of the *Young Friends Review*. The *Review*, although of no direct interest as a college paper, contains many articles that are worthy of careful perusal.

The faculty of Wooster University, O., recently issued an edict against dancing, whereupon a "stag" dance was organized by the students in which the faculty were formally invited. A most enjoyable evening was spent, but the number of professors who attended is not reported.

The *Owl* has at last come to occupy the place intended for it on our exchange table. After having read many favourable comments regarding it, we of course looked forward to its arrival with doubled interest, we were not disappointed, but on the contrary, our expectations were fully realized. The present number has an article on "The Transition Period in English Literature,"

in which the writer seems up in a few columns the course literature took during this period. Many of the writers endeavoured to fill their compositions with obscene allusions, merely to keep pace with the stage, which had become such that it has seldom been equalled and never surpassed in any age. It goes on to say that whilst the leading poets could scarcely earn their bread, the poorest play-wright could grow wealthy. From these and several other reasons the writers of this age were unfit to be handed down to posterity. Another article entitled "In the Land of the Arctics," gives us some idea of the advantages of living in such a country.

Among the new visitors to our table this month is the *Advocate* from the Wesleyan University, Kansas. The *Advocate* has now taken the place of the two papers, *Lane* and *Advocate*, previously issued by the students of this College. Judging from the initial number the editors will have no trouble in producing a paper capable of replacing the *Lane* and *Advocate*. The article on "College Journalism" sets forth in a few well chosen words the true object of a college paper, viz., "It gives to the world the real standing of the institution which it represents, and the kind of work that is being done. It provides for the students a medium through which they may express their sentiments, and hereby profit by each others opinions on the current topics of the day." The literary columns of the *Advocate*, containing such titles as "The Puritan and the Cavalier in our National Life," and "Shakespeare's King Richard III.," are especially attractive.

We are indebted to the *Maritime Agriculturist* for the following account of the life and untimely death of the late W. J. Gilbert, an Associate of '87:

"Yet once more, O ye laurels, and once more,  
Ye mortals brown, with ivy never sere,  
I come to pluck your bays harsh and crude  
And with forced fingers rude  
Shatter your leaves before the mellowing year"

—Milton

"It is with deepest regret that we have to announce to our readers the death of the editor of this journal. On the 7th inst., the late W. J. Gilbert bought out Mr. B. Eason Paterson's interest in the *Agriculturist* and assumed his duties as editor, entering into partnership at the same time with his brother, the present manager and proprietor. The new firm was to have done business under the name of "Gilbert Bros.," but before the change could be made known to the public, Mr. Gilbert was stricken down with congestion of the lungs, at his residence, Willow Farm, Dorchester, N. B., and died in a few days. He was a young man of very superior education, having attended the Collegiate School, Windsor, N. S.; Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ont., and the Ontario Agricultural College, at Guelph. The last mentioned institution he graduated from with high honors, and was a class mate of Mr. Paterson. He has farmed successfully at Dorchester for the last three years, and by his death this journal has lost the assistance of a scientific, practical and enthusiastic farmer. Our former editor, Mr. Paterson, will attend to the editorial work of the *Agriculturist* until definite arrangements can be made. All letters and manuscript intended for publication will be addressed to the "editor," and business communications will be directed to Robert Jarvis Gilbert, manager and proprietor."