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Editorial.

It will be of interest both to ex-students and students to know that, through special arrangement with the Experimental Union, those who desire to subscribe for the Review, may have it included in their Union fee of one dollar. The fee has been advanced from fifty cents to a dollar, but by this plan it will remain practically the same as in former years. Those so desiring it, should specify the same to Mr. Zavitz when renewing their Union membership. It is our wish to make the paper interesting not only to those at present attending the College, but also to all who have gone out from here in the last eighteen or more years. Therefore, we are always pleased to receive news from the men who have trod these ancient halls in time gone by.

It has been proposed by some of the boys, that a tour to the Pacific Coast be arranged for the summer of 1897. Their idea is that a party of fifty be formed from among the students, a colonial car engaged, and a special journey of, say, from four to six weeks, be made of it. The purpose will of course be to advertise the College. It has been suggested that each member of the party pay so much, that the Government supply the necessaries to keep the fellows alive, and also one of the officers to preserve order in the household and deliver orations on the "Ontario Agricultural College" to the good citizens and villagers of the West. Concerts, of course, would have to be given at several stopping points, but the O.A.C. Glee Club has promised to attend, and would undoubtedly provide sufficient entertainment for such occasions. Now, who on the staff will be generous enough to volunteer their lives for the good of the College and of its students?

As stated in the College circular, the aim of the course given here is the educating of young men on practical lines, giving them in-

formation and training which will be of use to them as farmers. In carrying out this policy many new features have been introduced, especially during the present year. During the spring term Mr. Reunie was called upon to give a series of talks to the second year students upon the operations of the farm work—seedling, preparation of land for roots, use and care of implements, &c. This term the specialists in agriculture of the third year will visit some of the more noted farmers and stock raisers of the vicinity, in order to observe the methods practised by them, and to take notes. Prof. Reed has given a number of stable lectures to the first year on the feeding and care of horses, in addition to the regular veterinary lectures. These innovations are all in the right direction and tend to win the good opinion of farmers, too many of whom look with contempt upon agricultural education.

The page of the Review devoted to locals is perhaps the one most attractive to the students in residence here, and to outsiders it is not always without interest. As the name suggests most of the incidents and jokes pertain to "the boys." On one or two occasions last year some offence was given, because, as the victims thought, the items were too personal. We cannot promise that the locals of this year will escape criticism altogether, for the reason that personalities are unavoidable; if they are excluded the page becomes conventional and uninteresting. We will say, however, that nothing will be published which in our opinion will cause offence to be taken by any one.

The Literary Society have now under consideration a proposal to furnish the reading room with some of the better class of magazines, at the expense of the Society. This would necessitate the placing of a desk or table along the middle of the room on which to place them. If a proper choice can be made in selecting suitable papers the money should be well spent. In the opinion of some of the students a number of the journals at present on file might have something more readable substituted for them, as they remain for weeks without showing a trace of having been used.