

Queen," which was heartily responded to with three cheers and "God Save the Queen."

In proposing the toast of "The Experimental Stations of the Dominion," Prof. Shaw referred to the success of their gathering and said they would have to build a larger hall. Touching on the work of the Farm, he said he proposed clearing eighty acres of the Farm of the noxious weeds which had so long been a disgrace to it, without a fallow, announced that the Minister of Agriculture had given his consent that they should build a new fence on both sides of the Brock Road such as would be a credit to the institution. He dealt also with the uplifting influence of the ex-students and spoke on the experimental work on the Farm which they hoped to make very useful, especially the experiments in live stock. The toast was drunk with all the honors.

Prof. Robertson, in reply, made the speech of the evening, full of inspiration, encouragement, and setting before the students high ideals. It was the aim of the experimental stations to spread knowledge to the humblest home of the poorest farmer. It was one of the best works of God. In their land, where prosperity in agriculture followed skill, they should learn to rule the forces of Nature, filling their own place without harm to their fellows. "I want to know" was the cry of every true man, and by studying Nature's methods and God's ways in Nature they would have Nature's abundance. The experimental stations were to stimulate thought rather than till the soil, and the Professor here drew a realistic picture of the agriculturist who filled his true place and formed himself after God's model, a man of dominion and power. It was not theirs to propound finespun theories, but they should speak whereof they knew. He touched upon the three-fold work of the Professors at the O. A. C., viz., teaching the students, conducting experiments, and attending Farmer's Institutes, and their highest experiments were to influence the students for good. Concluding he said that their ultimate aim was not alone to make better and cheaper food, but to aid in making true men and women, happy homes and the best land in the whole earth.

"The Agricultural Interests" were responded to by Rev. W. F. Clarke, who gave some amusing incidents in connection with his relationship with agricultural interests. They wanted more good farming; there was money in farming, and even in wheat growing, if farms were worked properly. The farmers should fit themselves for the highest places in the land.

Prof. James, in proposing "The Ex-Students" touched on the work they were doing, and gave some very interesting reminiscences of those who had gone out from among them. The toast was responded to by Messrs. Fee, B. S. A., Sinclair, Robinson, Bishop, Henry, Fotheringham, Charlton and Ballantyne.

Mr. J. A. Craig, B. S. A., President of the Union, gave the toast of "The College Staff," coupling with it the names of Prof. Hunt, resident master, to whom he paid a high tribute; Dr. McGuire, College physician; Mr. McIntosh, mechanical foreman; and Mr. Storey, farm foreman. All these gentlemen acknowledged the toast in appropriate speeches.

"The Students" was proposed by Prof. Pantou in a humorous speech, full of scientific hits, and those who responded touched a little along the same line. Messrs. Monteith and Dean spoke for the third year men, Hutt and Hadwen for the second year, and Harris and Perry for first year.

Mr. W. A. McCallum gave "The Press," which was briefly responded to by Mr. Craig, *Live Stock Journal*; Mr. Shore,

Farmer's Advocate; Mr. Gelling, of the College Review; and the representatives of the *Herald* and *Mercury*.

Mr. C. F. Whitley proposed "The Ladies" which was ably responded to by Messrs. Zavitz, B. S. A., and Robinson.

This concluded the business proper of the annual supper. During the evening several choruses were sung with good effect by the students, the solo parts being taken by Messrs. Hutt, Monteith, Harcourt and Hadwen. Messrs. Buscarlet and Worthington also gave splendid songs, the latter getting a rousing encore.

THE O. A. C. STUDENTS

Honor Prof. Robertson with an Address and Presentation.

At the close of the annual supper of the Experimental Union at the College on Thursday night at eleven, a most interesting departure from the usual proceedings took place. This was the presentation to Mr. J. W. Robertson, the late Professor of Dairying at the College, of an offering to signify the esteem in which he is held by the students, and their gratitude for his labors among them.

Mr. H. H. Dean stepped to the front and read the following address:

TO PROF. J. A. W. ROBERTSON:

DEAR SIR,—On the eve of your departure from the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, to enter a wider sphere of work and influence as Commissioner of Dairy Husbandry for the Dominion of Canada, we, the students of the College, desire to express our deep and heartfelt regret at our irreparable loss and our satisfaction and delight in your gain. We most heartily congratulate you on your appointment to so important a position in the Dominion. Those of us who have enjoyed the privilege of attending your lectures feel that we have received knowledge that will be of great practical and lasting value to us in our future life. Our thorough appreciation of them arises not only from their practical bearing, simplicity, comprehensiveness, and thoroughness, but also from the masterly and amusing manner in which you have presented your thoughts to us. We have also learned from your sterling character as constantly revealed in your genial manner, your uniform courtesy, your unselfish devotion to others, your tender sympathy and your strong, fearless and open opposition to all wrong, thus to admire the good and true. Your earnest and untiring efforts in our behalf, the full and cheerful discharge of your duty, the concern you have shown for our advancement in the knowledge of dairying, and the kindly interest you have invariably taken in us as boys, have made you very dear to us. Great as has been the conscious influence of your words and work, we feel that the unconscious influence of your personality on our characters has been even greater. We beg you to accept the accompanying token of our love and respect, and we hope that in your efforts to introduce and establish improved methods and practices in agriculture, you may still retain your interest in the progress of the Agricultural College.

Signed on behalf of the students by their committee,

H. H. DEAN,
CHAS. F. WHITLEY,
JOSEPH C. HARRIS.

Mr. C. F. Whitley then walked forward with a magnificent silver tilting water pitcher and goblets, which he handed to the Professor, at the same time asking him to read between the lines of the address and look behind the gift for the love and esteem they bore him.

Prof. Robertson said it was hard to do himself fairness in such a position. He had listened between the lines, and could say that in all his work there had been no unpleasantness of any sort in the class room. He would have a wider field, but he would have