

on our part, neither pains nor expense will be spared to render the *ONTARIO FARMER* worthy of continued and increasing support, we feel certain that our endeavours will be appreciated and seconded by the great farming public, whose interests we seek to promote. We bespeak the good offices of our friends in promoting the circulation of this journal, and would especially request members and officers of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies, to call the attention of those associations to the special inducement we offer in furnishing them with the *ONTARIO FARMER*, in clubs of any number, at Seventy-five Cents each, *postage pre-paid*.

THE ONTARIO FARMER.

(From the *Spectator*.)

We have pleasure in directing attention to the advertisement of the second volume of the *ONTARIO FARMER*, which will be found in today's paper. An interest in the paper has been purchased by the Proprietors of the *Spectator*, by whom it will hereafter be published. The Editorship continues in the hands of the Rev. W. F. Clarke, formerly editor of the *Canada Farmer*. Arrangements are being made for the improvement of the paper, and no pains will be spared to make it worthy the support of the agriculturists of the Province. The subscription price is so small, and the club rates so liberal, that it should be in the hands of every farmer. We solicit for it the cordial co-operation and support of all who appreciate the importance of a special organ of the farming interest of the country.

ONTARIO VETERINARY SCHOOL.

This School has now been in operation some half a dozen years, and if its growth has been slow, it has been constant, and therefore healthy. Commencing with four or five pupils, it has numbered for the past two or three years from sixteen to twenty-five, and it may now be fairly assumed to have attained to the condition of a permanent character. Considerable difficulty has been all along experienced in regard to a suitable room for the purposes of dissection, a branch of study that lies at the foundation of all correct knowledge of Veterinary science and practice.

Mr. Smith has, therefore, erected a new building, specially designed for the various purposes of teaching and anatomical demonstrations, in which practical dissection can be carried on in the coldest weather of winter. This building, which it is expected will be ready for occupation early in January, is situated close to the Infirmary, rendering it, therefore, very convenient for pupils to observe the method of treating disease and the performance of surgical operations, in which the more advanced students have to take part. The number of second and third years' students that have been in attendance on lectures since October, is sixteen, and several new ones are expected to enter after Christmas. When the constant and, of late, rapid progress which has been made in live stock in the Province of Ontario is considered, the importance of such an institution as this will become apparent, and the necessity of having spread over the country a class of Veterinary practitioners properly educated and qualified for the efficient performance of their valuable and necessary work.

AMERICAN DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The American Dairymen's Association offer a prize of \$100 for the best essay on "The claims of cheese as a wholesome, nutritious and economical article of food." No special conditions are imposed respecting the length of the article. It is designed to make use of the substance of the essay by publication, so as to lead to the large consumption of cheese as an article of food. Papers on the subject are to be sent to the Secretary of the Association, Gardner B. Weeks, Syracuse, N.Y., as early as Dec. 20. The awards will be announced, and the money paid, at the annual Convention, to be held in Utica, Jan. 12th and 13th, 1870.

The following are the topics of discussion that will come before the meeting:

Natural heat and odour of milk.

Rennet, its nature and varied effects.

The proper treatment of acidity in cheese-making.

Floating curds, their causes—best treatment.

Shall cheese-making continue to receive the entire attention of this Association, or shall its scope and field of operations and investigations be so extended as to include the subject of butter-making.