

NEWS

Many of our ex-students have been asking us "What's doing at O. A. C. this year?" For the benefit of these who wonder just what is going on at the old place we are going to ramble along and jot down the ordinary, every-day affairs that may be of interest.

There isn't quite the usual stir on the Heights this year, and pranks are rather uncommon. The O. A. C. Student Body numbers 173, including five girls, one in third year, and four in first. The enrollment for the various year is: First year, 87; Second year, 39; Third year, 18; Fourth year, 23; Manual Training, 3; Special Course, 2; B. Sc. 1. Though things are quiet the boys are not "dead." They are quite alive, and are directing their energies toward preparation for the approaching Examinations.

The Influenza epidemic caused considerable alarm and a great deal of illness and consequent work. Owing to the timely steps that were taken in securing nurses, who cared for the boys very efficiently, there were no deaths at the College. The whole of Upper Hunt was used as a hospital, and upwards of thirty patients were cared for during the two weeks of the epidemic. Lectures were suspended for one week on the recommendation of the Health Authorities.

Some of our boys who served overseas are now continuing their courses here after receiving their honorable discharge. Among the returned men are: G. W. McCall '14, N. Curtis '16, S. Hessel '16, H. C. Hockett '16, E. Hearle '16, Sanford '17, Flatt '19, Howarth '19.

About this season every ex-student thinks of the Chrysanthemums in the green house. This year the collection

is finer than ever. The sight is simply gorgeous, and many visitors come daily to see the beautiful display.

This summer a new section has been added to the Animal Husbandry building. The wing is nearing completion, and the rooms will soon be ready for occupation. The lower floor will be occupied by the Animal Husbandry Department, while the second floor will provide new space for the Bacteriology Department.

There are few changes in the lecturing staff. What changes there are have been chronicled in the *Alumnae* pages from time to time. It is of interest to many to hear that J. P. Sackville, B. S. A., is returning to the College to resume his work on the Live Stock Department. Pending the arrival of Dr. Burton N. Gates, Mr. W. A. Weir is lecturing in Apiculture to the first year students. Eric Hearle is Resident Master, with H. C. Hockett Assistant.

College functions have not entirely died out at O. A. C. A casual glance over the "College Life" Department will be sufficient to see that the "Lit," "Cosmo," and various clubs are going strong.

The attendance at Mac. Hall is almost as large as usual, there being in all, 113 girls enrolled in the various courses. The influenza situation at the Hall was very acute, but the sixty invalids all have been able to continue their studies.

The C. O. T. C. began drilling at the College on Wednesday, November 7th. Reports that German Embassy was seeking an armistice on Thursday, November 8th, were taken quite as a matter of course by the students. They expected, however, that it would have required longer for Germany to have learned of the O. T. C.