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EDITORIAL.

We would not be in accord with other journals if we allowed 1889 to depart without saying a parting word. There was considerable doubt as to the success of the venture, but the many kind words which have been spoken of our first issue have encouraged us. We feel somewhat sorry that 1889 will no more accompany us, because persons are always attached to the time and place of first beginnings, whether of school days, college life or professional life. So, Old Year Adieu.

"Thirty-two States and Territories (including Ontario and the District of Columbia) were represented by 75 delegates at the Washington meeting of the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Stations, last month." So says a recent number of *The Cultivator and Country Gentleman*.

The idea is certainly a good one of thus bringing together the men of the different colleges and Experimental Stations to discuss means for the promotion of the welfare of such institutions. No doubt many of the vexing problems connected with their management will have much light thrown upon them. We are pleased to hear that Ontario was represented at this assembly, but who the representative was we have not learned. We should be pleased to

hear from him, who ever he is, and our columns will be open to him if he will favor us with a report of the meeting and what he learned there. We should be highly favored if the person would contribute an article on the foregoing subject and we feel that it would do the College much good. As an aid to the same end we would suggest that a deputation consisting of students, or professors, or both, be sent to visit a number of American Agricultural Colleges and inquiry be made as to their methods. Many useful hints might be gained in this way. Other Colleges may not have as long a vacation at Christmas as we, hence a portion of the holidays might be spent in this manner.

Vacation! What bright anticipations the word brings to the College student. After three months study what relief a short vacation brings to him. The mind is for the time unburdened of all care in regard to his books and undivided attention may be given to the development of the social qualities which are apt to be neglected by most college men. Dull books he flings away, possibly, to con them no more until after vacation. He and books are going to part company for a week at least. Perhaps they have not been on extra good terms since they made the acquaintance of each other and John Student may not be sorry to part company with his morose friend Solomon Books. However, it is evident that they will part and we would like to give a word of advice to our friend John, as to the manner of spending his vacation and the proper treatment of his friend Solomon.

John may be going home from College for his first vacation and to him more particularly will the following remarks apply:— Do not be anxious to show the "old folks" that you know considerably more now than when you left home three months ago; and that you know a great deal more than they do. Also, be careful not to draw too heavily on your imagination when reciting some of the stirring incidents of College life, as you may harm yourself and the College reputation. If asked to express your opinion upon any matter, do so with becoming modesty, but as to airing your views upon any and all occasions, we would give Punch's advice to persons about to marry, "Don't."

The Christmas vacation at the O. A. C. is a long one and during the manifold pleasures in which you may be engaged, you are apt to neglect your companion Solomon whom you promised, or ought to have promised, not to leave for more than a week or ten days. Do not forget him for too long a period, because absence does not make the heart grow fonder. It is better not to allow too much time to elapse between study as it will require extra exertion to wear off the rust which will accumulate owing to exposure to the inclement weather of a long vacation.

We call the attention of our readers to an article on "The Need of a Gymnasium at the O. A. C." by Capt. Clarke. No one knows better the great necessity for such a building here than does our