

College Reporter.

Christmas holidays have come and gone, and are thus now but a sweet remembrance of the past. Happy periods like these fly quickly away, and one often wonders where the time has gone. But, although it is gone, still all is not lost. Rest was gained thereby, and we as students feel that we can enter upon the new term with greatly increased energy and pursue our studies with greater success than if there were but one long period of application.

One of the most successful sessions of the Experimental Union was held here on the 8th and 9th of last month. There was on the programme a long array of well-known and excellent speakers, and the weather was all that could be wished to bring out large and appreciative audiences.

On Monday, the 8th, Mr. C. A. Zavitz, the experimentalist at the college, gave his report on the co-operative experiments carried on throughout the Province of Ontario in testing different varieties of grain. From this talk much valuable and important information was obtained. Mr. Brown, principal of the Canadian Correspondence College, Toronto, gave a talk on the work and course given by the institution under his supervision. Then short talks were given by G. H. Clark, Prof. Macoun and others on interesting and live topics. In the evening a large audience gathered in the gymnasium, was favored with a lengthy and comprehensive address, illustrated by views, by Dr. Fernow of Ithaca, N. Y., on the "Evolution of the Forest." On

Tuesday the same gentleman gave another valuable address on "The Farmer's Wood Lot," following upon the report given by Mr. R. D. Craig on co-operative experiments carried on in forestry throughout the province. The wood subject is becoming an important and serious one. After this, reports on experiments were given by Prof. Lochhead, Prof. Hutt, Mr. C. A. Zavitz and Mr. W. R. Graham, poultry manager. From each report much good was derived. Prof. Robertson, Commissioner of Agriculture, also gave an excellent and instructive address on "Education in our Rural Schools."

Tuesday evening the students gave their annual Union Dinner in honor of the ex-students present. The report was put up in Mrs. Craig's usual bountiful and excellent way, and all present enjoyed themselves to the full. Toasts were passed, interspersed by selections from Thain's Orchestra. In this happy manner closed the Experimental Union of 1902.

In the inter-collegiate stock judging contest, held at the Chicago International during the first week of December last, the class sent by our college succeeded in capturing fourth place among the list of contestants. The Spoor Trophy again fell into the hands of the team sent by Iowa College, containing several Canadians and trained by an ex-student of this institution. The members of the O. A. C. team obtained honors in the following order: J. M. McCallum, F. H. Reed, A. P. Ketchen, S. M. Pearce and D. H. Galbraith.

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