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## EDITORIAL.

The last number of the REVIEW was late in reaching our subscribers owing to our printer having begun to move into a new building at the time when the February number should have been printed, and we were thus delayed; but we crave their indulgence this time, and hope that in future all those who are in the Province will receive each issue before the month is out. Those receiving their paper will be conferring a favor by communicating with the Business Managers or Editor, who will attend to the matter at once.

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an eminence about one-and-a-half miles from the City of Guelph, and over-looking it, in the very heart of an excellent farming district, within a short distance of several fine farms, in the midst of an environment conducive to the development of the methods of agriculture, is situated the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Farm. Near the Farm is the celebrated

herd of Hereford cattle, owned by F. W. Stone, Esq., Guelph. Not far away a splendid herd of Devons is to be seen, owned by Mr. Rudd. If students wish to see Galloways of first-class qualities a ten minutes walk will bring them to Mr. McCrae's farm. Continuing the walk for about three miles the noted stud of Clydesdales, owned by Messrs. D. & O. Sobhy, may be seen. Not to mention other noted breeders of pure-bred stock such as Messrs. Arkell, Laidlaw, Whitelaw and others, including the stock on the Farm, it is seen that the surroundings of students while here are such as will develop a taste for live stock and stock of a good quality. This is no small matter when a farmer is considering where he will educate his son for the farm.

We are all more or less creatures of habit and influenced to a large extent by our environments. The tendency of Ontario farming is to develop the live stock industry, and we consider farmers' sons would be well repaid if they received nothing more from a year's attendance here, than what they would learn by a close examination of the different stock farms which are in the immediate neighborhood, and from good attention to the stock and management of the same on the Farm. The more we ponder the matter, the more we wonder why a greater number of farmers' sons do not take advantage of the splendid opportunities which are afforded them for receiving a training, which, as valued by some, is equal to the gift of a 100-acre farm, and this is considered by average young farmers as no mean gift.

Then why are there not more students of the right class here? It cannot be the fault of the surroundings, for, as we have pointed out they are helpful; it cannot be the fault of the terms, as none are more liberal; it cannot be the fault of the buildings as they are substantial and serviceable in every way, (although they may not be quite as fanciful as some); it cannot be the fault of the Professors, because we are sure that a more faithful, hard-working, obliging, competent, unselfish staff cannot be found in any College—a staff whom everyone who has come in contact with them respects and for whom the farmers of the Province are willing to do anything within reason. Where, then, lies the difficulty? Hoping to be pardoned if we should give offence, we are inclined to think that it is owing to indifference on the part of farmers and a lack of knowledge in regard to the work that is being done here. Remove these by showing them that it will be of material advantage to them and to their sons and we believe that the difficulty will be solved to a great extent. No class of persons wish more to advance their position than farmers, and if it can be demonstrated to them that satisfactory results will follow a particular course of action the matter will in a great measure be settled. There are several influences at work seeking to remove these difficulties in the way of a larger attendance and it is to be hoped that they will be successful, and that before five years shall have come and gone the O. A. C. will be compelled to enlarge the building to accommodate students.