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EDITORIAL NOTES.

1 OUR readers will pardon us, we hope, if their paper comes to them laden with sulphurous fumes and carbolic vapors. During the last few weeks we have passed through the very trying circumstances necessary to make quarantine a success. We are particularly well pleased with the manner in which the newspapers took up the matter and the vigor with which they prosecuted the case. Their accounts of the situation were made as interesting as the facts and a few more particulars would allow. We are specially pleased with the "coolness" which our city friends exhibited during the "scare," and we compliment them upon the fortitude with which they faced the trying ordeal. To the Board of Health we hasten to tender our gratitude for the comforts of quarantine and the many tokens of regard shown while in the discharge of their duties. The steam sterilizer must not be forgotten. To it we owe the savory odor and "increased" condition of our garments. To all our friends we tender our most sincere gratitude for the care taken of us during the eventful month, and should another case of smallpox break out, from them we hope and pray to be delivered.

It has long been felt that the order in the reading room has been anything but satisfactory, and many feeble efforts have been put forward, from time to time, for maintaining quietness in the place. Situated as it is but a few steps from the dining hall, it is not surprising that at times the conduct therein should be boisterous. More especially is this the case when the foods provided by our munificent Government tend to the production of wiry frames and sinewy muscles. We are pleased to state that now the prospects of a quiet reading room are brighter than they have ever been before. A committee of nine has been appointed whose duty it is to have one of its members in the room, at such times as is deemed necessary, each day in the week, who shall be responsible for the conduct and quietness of the place. This is a step in the direction of a settlement of the difficulty, and we congratulate the students upon the vigor with which they have proceeded in the matter.

The Treasurer informs us that but few of our outside subscriptions have yet been paid. We have refrained from speaking of the matter publicly in the hope that our friends would be mindful of their duty towards us in that respect, but a notice now seems imperative. We have no quarrel with our friends if they write us,

"Stop my paper." But we do think that when a subscriber takes our paper for five months he is entitled to pay for it whether he wants to or not. Another matter which the ex-students have neglected, is to supply our Personal Editor with facts regarding themselves. Part of our mission is to keep Associates in touch with each other, and to that end it is necessary that we hear from them occasionally. A most convenient time for a "Personal" is when enclosing the subscription. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

This month we publish a timely letter on the Experimental Union by G. F. Marsh, B. S. A. It will, we believe, prove interesting as it deals with a matter in which we all feel concern. Few of us have had the chance to understand this question so fully as Mr. Marsh. He has been a constant attendant at the meetings for the past ten years, and while in connection with the "Farmers' Advocate" came into contact with many ex-students and thus knows their general views on the question.

We all feel a just pride in the success with which the co-operative experiments have been attended. The system and the manner in which it is carried out, we believe, to be unequalled anywhere else in America. With this no fault is found.

With regard to the reunion it is to be lamented that it is in such an unsatisfactory condition. The reunion spirit was entirely lacking from the last meeting, and the absence was not made up for by the presence of one of America's most eminent agricultural lecturers. Many ex-students that were present went home during the second afternoon because they "must get home again." If they felt at home and were enjoying themselves, such would not be the case. There is no time, as is pointed out, for ex-students to renew old friendships, to become acquainted with others they have heard about, or to inquire after the companions of their college days.

That these defects do exist all must agree. How they can be remedied is a question upon which there will be a difference of opinion. We believe that it would be better in every way if during our two days meeting more attention were paid to the reunion. Several suggestions are made in the letter which are worthy of consideration. These also indicate to a certain extent the trend of the ideas held by many. A discussion, conducted in the kindly spirit of Mr. Marsh's letter, we believe will do good. "Reduce things to the first institution and observe wherein and how they have degenerated; but yet ask counsel of both times—of the ancient time what is best, and of the latter time what is fittest." Let us have views and suggestions on this question from others.

The Ontario and Experimental Union.



THE Experimental Union is an association which has the best wishes of all the students, and when any one of them questions the working of this society, it must be understood that it is in kindness that it is criticized.

Now, one question which every student of the College, and especially every member of the Union, should ask himself is whether the Union is doing the work which was intended by its promoters. In order to find out what these intentions were it will be necessary to look up the constitution which we find gives the objects of the institution as follows:

"The objects of the Association are to form a bond of union among the officers and students, past and present, of the Ontario Agricultural College and Experimental Farm, to promote their intercourse with the view to mutual information, to discuss subjects bearing on the wide field of agriculture, with its allied sciences and arts, to hear papers and addresses delivered by competent parties, and to meet at least once annually for these purposes."

Later reports insert after "allied sciences and arts" the following clause: "To conduct experiments in this field in union as far as possible or by individual efforts; to secure the co-operation of the agriculturists of the Province in this work."

This I think shows conclusively that the idea of a reunion of ex-students was uppermost in the minds of the promoters of the scheme, and that they added the clause in regard to experiments later as an afterthought.

Surely no one will complain of the noble work which has been done in this respect. Having been started in 1886 with twelve experiments the work has steadily increased until in 1894 there were thirteen hundred and forty.

This organization has been the means of introducing the best varieties of grain, roots, etc., into all parts of the country, and it enjoys the confidence of not only the ex-students but also of the farmers generally. This success has been in a large measure due to the painstaking efforts of the efficient director, Mr. C. A. Zavitz.

With this clause we have nothing to complain, but in regard to the first and main clause we take issue, and state without fear of contradiction that the Union is not doing the work it was designed for. We claim that it does not act as a reunion of students at all, but has degenerated into a large experimental association,—a good one I grant, but still it does not take the place of a reunion. And the members have been blinded by the success of the experimental department that we have not noticed that it was not doing its proper work.

In the first place let us ask ourselves why there are not more ex-students at the meetings. Many reasons may be given, such as hard times, which will affect even a College graduate; lack of time; long distances to travel. But to me the chief reason seems to be that they do not feel that bond of fellowship which the Union is supposed to create. When an ex-student returns to his Alma Mater after an elapse of several years he feels that there is something lacking which he cannot explain, but he feels lost and out of place in the very place where he should feel most at home. When asked how he liked the meeting he will not complain, for he knows that the staff and all concerned have done all in their power to make the meeting pleasant, but

he will also say that he is rather out of touch with the College: met very few of the boys, and that he had not enjoyed the meeting as he had hoped. I have heard students talk like this, and if I asked one of them, Did you meet So and So? many a student who had attended at the same time, he would say, "No; was he there? I am very sorry that I did not see him; but there seemed to be so many strangers that I did not recognize even those that I went to school with."

I really think that one of the most forlorn sights imaginable is to see half a dozen of the old students walking around the halls or sitting on the registers, afraid to speak to each other, and putting you in mind of the first night spent at the O. A. C.

WHAT IS THE REMEDY?

This is a very difficult question to answer, but the first thing to do is to decide that there is something wrong, and then we can look around for the cure. With this object in view I will throw out a few suggestions.

In the first place, I think that some difference should be made between members and non-members. At present a student who belongs either to the Farmer's Institute or some similar organization will receive all the advantages of the Union for nothing, and I really do not think that it is fair to tax the student who is loyal to his College and association fifty cents for his sentiments, and give those who do not pay a cent the same benefits.

Last year while treasurer I got a number of cards printed with the object of increasing the membership. One young man wrote asking what advantages he would receive which he could not get without joining, and I really did not know what answer to give. I sent the letter to Mr. Zavitz, and if he did not make a better attempt than I did I am afraid that the Union has lost one member.

I think that the general feeling among the boys is that there is too large a crowd to enable them to meet old friends. We often have more of a reunion going home on the train than we had at the College, and hear of students who were there and whom we should have liked to have met, but did not know that they were present. Some have suggested that we lessen numbers by confining the gatherings to ourselves. This would give the students more chance to talk, for of late there has been a tendency for the Union to become the debating ground for a few cranks who come simply to hear themselves talk, and thus crowd out the students who are more backward in expressing their opinions. Though this might be an advantage, still I hardly think that it would be advisable, for the farmers are the very class whom we wish to reach, and any action limiting the attendance might have a tendency to cause them to think that we were trying to stand aloof from them.

My own opinion is that the experimental regular meeting has prospered so well that it would be hardly safe to meddle with it, remembering the good old adage "to let well enough alone."

To my mind we want a society inside the other which would carry out the main object which the promoters of the Union apparently had in view. I would suggest that the membership be limited to Associates and those who had attended the College at any time in the past. This would include the third year men at the College and such Professors who could qualify on these grounds, and the President of the College, whom, I think, should be Honorary President. The first

and second year men could then look forward to the meeting as one of the honors of the third year.

Judged by the attendance at previous meetings this society would not consist of more than about twenty-five or thirty. We could then have a regular experience meeting, and I am sure that it would prove so enjoyable that the attendance would be largely increased. The gathering would then be small enough in size to allow the chairman to call upon each of the members by name, mentioning the year in which they attended College, to tell what they were doing themselves and also what they knew of others. We could all meet around the same festive board, crack the same old jokes and tell the same old stories. While writing this I am pleasantly reminded of a dinner last fall where the ex-students met together, while at Toronto Exhibition, and I think that if this could be made an annual affair that it would add to the enjoyment of the students attending the Exhibition and would become very popular.

Another difficult question to decide would be the time of meeting. If it were possible I would propose meeting in the afternoon and evening before the regular days. Then the boys would become acquainted with each other and would feel more at home in the discussion, but I hardly think that it would be possible to get an attendance on that day as two days seems to be as much as most of them can spare away from home.

Another suggestion would be to follow the example of the previous year's Second Year who held their dinner on the second night of the Union. Will not both the officers and students bear me out when I say that this annual supper has become too unwieldy and is nothing but an expensive farce. It had its use when the number of students was small and the visitors few. But now it is too much of a crush to be pleasant. The same old toasts are sprung on us each year and the same old replies given, and a general air of familiarity and languor prevails through the entire meeting. While the staff and employees are nearly driven off their feet in their attempts to provide accommodation, and a general state of confusion reigns which can only be likened to a second visitation of smallpox.

I will now leave this matter in the hands of my fellow-students. It is a subject upon which I have given considerable thought, but confess my utter inability to propose a satisfactory way out of the difficulty, but offer these suggestions, hoping that through the medium of the Review the matter will be brought to the notice of the students and that some feasible plan may be brought forward. Let us hear from some of the old students, and among those who helped organize the society and have watched with fostering care the tender plant budding out into a flourishing tree. I might mention the names of Messrs. Zavitz, Holterman, Rendall, and Lick.

G. F. MARSH, B. S. A., '92.

INTIMATIONS OF MORTALITY.

The board of health we credit give
For all their watchful tender care,
And no deserved praise we spare,
They did their best, and yet we live.

The smallpox past, and credit due
To those deserving it we give,
And thank good fortune that we live,
And leave their praises to the few

Who in seclusion at their home,
Of dread diseases sat in fear,
And thought that perhaps the air would clear,
And free from microbes they could roam.

Then, when the joyful news they hear,
That all the danger is now o'er,
These now may venture out of door,
And sound their praises far and near.

They go about from place to place,

Their clothing smells of sulphur fumes
With which they fumigate the rooms,
Sure death to all the microbe race.

They may be saints, you cannot tell,
But from appearances we think
That they are not, and then we shrink
When we smell fumes of other worlds.

But what about the students, who
Lay down on straw-strewn floor to rest,
Because the health-board thought it best
To quarantine the exposed few.

And with them those who in this town,
By name of "students" oft are classed,
With these exposed few are cast,
Midst absent comforts settled down.

Arranged in rows close side by side,
They slept, or tried to sleep in vain,
Because they thought, "If we remain
Here, what would cruel fate provide.

If one were taken ill, would all
Not find in death a resting place,
And so would end this mortal race?
Or if, perhaps, they missed the call,

They in the distant future would
Give thanks to those whom praise is due,
That they were yet among the few"—
"But then it was for public good."

The doctors too, our thanks we give,
Preventive measures were not spared,
They for our feelings little cared,
They did their best, and yet we live.

Some hold a doubt that they can say
They yet a smallpox case have seen,
But then by this we do not mean,—
For case broke out day by day,

With symptoms grave, which caused much fear,
As they pronounced a serious case,
The isolation then took place,
And no one dared to venture near.

The vaccine had begun to take,
'Twas what the cases proved to be,
And then each one began to see
That isolation was a "fake."

'Tis said a townsman you would know,
As calmness lit up each one's face,
As if "to fear" would bring disgrace:
And daily, thus, to work they'd go.

And fearless maidens dared to hold
A letter from th' infected hand,
In her well covered, dainty hand,—
But then, who else could be so bold?

G. A. R.

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Y. M. C. A.



I thought we had nothing to say worth publishing for the two last issues of the REVIEW, and, therefore, we did not report. It may be we are not alive to our responsibilities in this matter, which I am afraid is too true. However, we have a little to say this month by way of report of what we have done the past two months.

Our meetings have been fairly well attended, but we feel there is need of more spiritual fire to warm the hearts of our members, or it may be, more steam in the radiator that is needed; no doubt the latter would help much some times. If the outer man is not properly provided for, he soon lets us know. But that still small voice within, is hard to hear sometimes, especially so when the studies are pressing. It is then, often not heard, and in a short time for want of proper care, it gets so weak we do not hear it at all; and then when we come to our right senses, we are surprised to find our souls so lean and hungry. We desire to have, and have not because we ask not, or if we ask, we ask amiss.

We realize the fact that in order to have a healthy body, it is necessary that we hunger and thirst, in order that we may eat. But there is one more requisite even more important, and that is exercise. Exercise is necessary for a healthy body, in order that every organ may be active, that oxidation may be thorough, that the appetite may be good. So we say the Christian must exercise if he would be a healthy Christian; he must work off the impurities that tend to poison the Christian character; he must work that he may become hungry. The Master has said, "Blessed are they that hunger, for they shall be fed." We must exercise ourselves in the atmosphere of Heaven, in order that we may breathe the pure oxidizing power of the Spirit of God. Our work we say has not been so energetic as to

give us a good healthy appetite; and, therefore, we are not so healthy as we ought to be.

We have, however, done a little work at home and abroad. During last term we formed classes, adopted systems of work, and have since endeavored to carry them out as best we can.

We sent \$10 to the International Committee to help the work in North America. We like to feel that we have an interest in the noble work this committee is doing in organizing societies in Colleges and institutions of learning, where as yet they have no Christian societies. Of such places there are not a few. This we feel to be a very important work, and one we dare not turn our back upon, lest we ourselves should be left out in the cold, when we should be in with the Master.

We have also endeavored to hold our place as members of the "Canadian College Mission." We sent \$15 to Dr. Harley Smith for the foreign work in Corea, where our missionary is faithfully laboring for the salvation of those lost souls. Our missionary, Dr. Hardy, has remained at his post all through the trouble that has been in that land during the past year. Although the part of country where he is was almost deserted, and food and other things became very dear, he felt it his duty to remain at his post, which he did, and he reports very favorably. We feel it our duty, to ask our friends to feel it their duty to help us make it comfortable for our faithful missionary, who a few years ago graduated from Toronto University.

We have an interest also at home, which is not felt so keenly, perhaps, as it should be. When we consider the thousands of young men in Ontario and Quebec who never attend places of worship, and those without a home, we are again brought face to face with our duty to our brother; and we feel that the small sum of \$7.00 is too little for us to give in that line.

We have a work that is still closer to us, and one which we are endeavoring to do a little at, and that is, to help our own school mates into the light of Christ. During the last month our work has been somewhat disturbed, and yet we hope stimulated. We held our meetings during quarantine as usual, endeavoring to make the best of our inconveniences. The first Sunday in quarantine we held two services in the Y. M. C. A. hall at 11 a. m., led by the President, and assisted by J. F. Clark and others. The hall was nearly filled. Again at 7 p. m., Messrs. Reynolds and Harcourt addressed the meeting. Miss Maggie Mills presided at the organ.

The following Thursday night service we held on the stage in the gymnasium. All the fellows took part cheerfully and we had a pleasant hour together. We held two services the next Sabbath in the same place, and we felt it good to meet there and worship our God under the adverse circumstances. Two services were held in the Y. M. C. A. hall the same day, by those quarantined in the College. We hear their meetings were good. The Dairy Students quarantined at the Dairy building held three services among themselves. Mr. Day, of Guelph, supplied them with testaments and song books free of charge, for which we very heartily thank Mr. Day.

We were very much disappointed in not being able to send a delegate to the Provincial Convention held in Belleville January 24-27, on account of the smallpox. Mr. J. F. Clark was appointed as our delegate.

Our meeting, Thursday night, Feb. 14, was addressed by F. J. Sleightholm. Subject, "Chosen of God." We were pleased to have our old friend address us again in his usual zealous manner. May his life be a blessing to many more as it has been to ours. We hope our friends will not forget we need their help, your reward is in Christ.

A. H. C.

Locals.

College yell at present is, "What ever you do, be sure and mind my arm."

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Prof.—When is the best time to pick grapes?

McDougall—When they are ripe.

Mac. is well up in Horticulture.

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Prof.—The size of the home garden should be regulated by the size of the family.

Chadsey (taking thought for the future)—How many kids will half an acre support?

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Prof. (lecturing on Pathology)—What have I been talking about?

P. B. S. and McC.—I don't know, Sir.

Prof.—I was talking about paralysis of the lips. If you had paralysis of the lips you would not be doing so much talking.

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During the past three months we have noticed that the path leading to some of the back apartments has been exceptionally well trodden, and rumors are afloat that we are soon to lose some of the fair sex. The Local Editors look forward to the happy events and will be more than pleased to give them notice in the college journal, even should they not receive an invitation.

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Prof. (discussing the mouth of a bee)—"The maxillae and labium are greatly elongated, the former in such a way as to form a tubular trunk which cannot be coiled up."

Rob.—Is that the sting, Sir?

Prof.—I am afraid they haven't been feeding you well in the gymnasium.

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Found.

One smallpox microbe, a real typical one, has ten horns, cloven feet, color, red and white with some black spots on the neck. When first seen it was wandering to and fro in front of the Guelph and Toronto doctors who failed to recognize it. It finally gave itself up to Dr. Stewart. Owner can have the same by applying at his office, 24 Vaccination Avenue, Guelph.

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P. B. has such a craving for hen fruit that he undertook to obtain some of them from the henery. After playing his cards pretty well he succeeded in obtaining what he considered to be a bundle of first-class fresh eggs. On arriving at the College he boiled them thoroughly, and, being a very generous fellow, he gave one of them to Leishman who looked upon it as a great luxury. He attempted to eat it but found to his sorrow that it was harder than he had expected, and according to latest reports was still busily engaged in try-

ing to open and prepare it for mastication. Who can say that agricultural education is unimportant when we find men mistaking a piece of plaster for a fresh hen egg?

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Wanted

Immediately, if not sooner, three pairs of spectacles, of a peculiar kind, which will enable medical acumen to diagnose cases of smallpox. If certain gentlemen had been supplied with articles of this nature during the smallpox scare, it would have saved the College authorities and students a great deal of inconvenience.

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For the first time in the history of the College the students have adopted what is termed "a college cap." When we look around and find among the students of other colleges a common cap, it is to be wondered that the students of the O. A. C. have neglected this important matter. The cap is of a reddish color, made of velvet, and the graduating year of the student is conspicuously stamped on the front of the cap which he wears. Not only does it add to the appearance of a body of students but it enables strangers to tell the year in which each student will graduate.

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Some things we wish to know:

If Clark pays for his board on Sundays.

If Loghrin ever goes to bed.

How many gallons of new milk Gilbert can drink in an hour.

At what rate of speed Gilbert and Waddy travel when they were frightened by a Lamo.

What graceful figure connected with the dining room caused MacPherson to reconsider the question of boarding out of the college.

Why Morgan and Knight look so black at present.

If Loghrin can tell the difference between a "starter" and a jug of fresh cream.

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Paterson (on seeing the new time-table with "Dairying" for the last hour on Tuesday) Dairying. What is meant by Dairying? Oh, yes. Dairying means reading so many pages of Stewart's Manual and being able to name three or four bulletins, giving name of author where printed, and price of a few books on Dairying, going raking through the Dairy papers in the reading room on the eve of exams, for articles on the following:

(1). How often a man should feed his calves to prevent bawling.

(2). When and how a man should feed skim milk to his pigs.

(3). What Gov. Hoard says on siloing in his Dairyman.

(4). What wonderful achievements Canada gained at the World's Fair.

Oh, yes, scientific dairying is a great study. Every dairyman sings the same song.

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The ladies of the College held their annual party in the officers dining room the latter part of the Christmas holidays and in every respect it surpassed those of former years. The following gentlemen

from the city were present: Messrs. Menzie, Hornbuckle, Ramsey, Sturdy, Friendship, Benson, Whiteside, Lamb, Davison, Costigan, Bowers, and Grundy. We were very sorry to hear that the students were not provided with the necessary wedding garments and therefore were debarred from participating in the affair, although some of them fain would have done so. Towards the wee sun' hours the gentlemen kissed their sweethearts good night and departed for their respective homes, well pleased with their night's entertainment.

We regret to have to announce, this month, the serious illness of Prof. Panton. While attending a Teacher's Convention at Milton on Friday he was taken ill, and is now suffering from a complication of pneumonia and pleurisy. We sincerely hope that the Professor will soon be around again enjoying his usual good health.

The local editors returned to the college at the time announced for the beginning of another term and expected to meet their fellow-students, whose circumstances would not admit of their going home to spend the holiday season under the parental roof. To our surprise, we found that smallpox had broken out among the dairy students, and, in consequence, our fellows, together with two Professors had been placed in the "pest house" for isolation. The matter was taken in hand by the Boards of Health, and, lest the disease should spread to the precious people of the city, the boys were not allowed to enter the city limits. Vaccination was carried on in earnest; even the representatives of the canine species, which are in the habit of paying nightly visits to the back kitchen, were in danger of being operated upon.

Although the residents of the College proper had not been exposed to the disease, enough sulphur was burned in the College halls to disinfect all the hospitals on the continent. Even then we understand many of the city people were afraid that the germs would seek refuge in the city by means of the telephone wire, and thought seriously about disconnecting it. What a sight it would be to see the microbes running a foot race down the wire only to meet with a cool reception!

In the course of a few days the boys were released from their uncomfortable quarters in the gymnasium where they had been sleeping during the intervals of quietude from 1 o'clock a. m. till about 9 a. m. Quarantine was enforced *very rigidly*. Many of the students could be seen taking a short way to the city by means of the fields, with heavy satchels over their backs and having the appearance of commercial travellers. On reaching the city they would make anxious inquiries of the policeman about the progress of the smallpox germs at the College.

A small house stood at the limits of the city to mark the temporary residence of a "cop," but by some unknown agency was repeatedly hurled over the embankment on the opposite side of the street.

All clothes which had been worn by students were sterilized as a preventive measure against the spread of the disease. Dr. Bryce and staff came all the way from Toronto to mistake a slight cold in the head for a severe case of smallpox. During the period of scare, we can confidently say that a body of five students could have captured the city without a struggle.

A microbe is a very small creature but it can scatter a crowd quicker than a police corps.

A RETROSPECT.

The Dairy School of ninety-five
Was struck with varioloid.
All Guelph were warned, if they would thrive,
The Creamery to avoid.

For, trapped by Bryce and D. McCrae,
And stalled up like his Galloways,
There students two and eighty lay,
On Barley-straw with arms ablaze.

Oh! that vaccine had ne'er been known:
Or barley beards in Butter Schools.
"Pillow! My ears! No clothes!" they groan.
Oh Boards of Health! tyrannic fools!

Wake up! Montgomery's engines cry.
Are his eight sleepers snoring high?
No. Morpheus ne'er has closed an eye.
Doc. Stewart's pills! they yell and sigh.

Gymnasium for exercise!
All floors now swarm, the eighty rise,
Like pigs half up within their beds
With straw upon their backs and heads.

Then out they crawl, like hives of bees,
Pick off the beards upon their knees,
The air is poison each one sees.
They've lived like skippers in the cheese.

Besides their beds—floors cold as steel,
Ther one by one the instructors kneel,
An' all remembered well that day,
V no sent that straw and wished for hay.

In time they reach the old Brock Road,
The ladies first to tramp the snow,
Professor last, and there he stood,
And to his home declared he'd go.

The boys then vowed they'd follow Dean,
Inject the cop with bad vaccine,
Knock Lamprey off his base serene,
Take Grasser from his pastures green,
Burn up the barns in Janesfield clean,
Kill Howitt and McKinnon mean,
For putting them in quarantine.

It's four, the mail, the Captain's here,
With parcels, letters, message, gear;
Hurrah, old boy! Here's from your wife!
They crowd around, near take his life.

All work is stopped, the dishes gone,
Your honey swing! songs, laughter, fun:
With fury now the fiddle's sawn,
The organ rings, debate's begun,
The Wednesday speeches take the bun,
Now sell the cheese, the Dairy's done

Personal.

Interested indeed will be the friends of Mr. A. L. Kent, formerly of Toronto, to know that he is engaged to Miss Gertie Lucas, of Oakville, daughter of Robert L. Lucas, a retired farmer. The happy union, if not already consummated, is expected to take place in the immediate future. Mr. Kent, as an ex-student, has our sincere congratulations and well-wishes. The two years course was completed by him in June, '92, and he is now, like many others, engaged in dairying, with, we are glad to know, encouraging results. His cattle are all of the Holstein breed, and he has been fortunate in securing the services of an experienced stockman from Scotland. Mr. Kent contemplates adding another two hundred and fifty acres to his already extensive property.

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J. Vipond, who obtained his diploma last year, has now launched out for himself. He is endeavoring to prove practically the benefits of mixed farming. Joe's friends wish him abundant success and secretly surmise that he soon intends to follow the worthy example of his fellow ex-student referred to above.

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F. Walker, '93, possesses a well appointed farm at Norwichville. Dairying claims most of his attention. Mr. Walker is the owner of some fine thoroughbred cattle.

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We are informed that E. H. Bates, an O. A. C. student of some six years back, has recently taken unto himself a permanent partner, in other words—he has married. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bates have our best wishes for much and continued happiness. No portion, however, of the mystic current compound has yet found its way into our sanctum. But, "Gal! darn it"—perhaps that new office boy demolished it—methought he had "a lean and hungry look."

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W. A. Ruthven, associate of '92, is farming with his father in West Essex, Simcoe county. He is one of those industrious, thinking men who will make farming a success. Next summer they intend to erect a brick house. This is an indication of success. Whether it is a forerunner of anything in particular or not we are not prepared to say.

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Hugh Black, '92, has been successfully running a cream factory a few miles from Georgetown.

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D. Z. Gibson, B. S. A., was back at the Union meeting in December. During his course here he did not make as much noise as many do, but yet succeeded in taking the gold medal. This is about the way he is likely to do with any of the good things of this world which are within the reach of a real scientific farmer.

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Wm. Rendall, '89, Camperdown, Ont., is now attending the Dairy School. Some time ago he erected an octagonal barn on his farm, which gave every satisfaction and attracted considerable attention. Besides the saving of material in construction and the economizing of

labour in feeding stock, owing to its compactness, it also presents a very attractive style of architecture.

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S. G. Carlyle, who completed his first year in '94, is engaged in the dairy department on his father's farm at Chesterville. He hopes that in the near future he may be enabled to complete his course.

Our Literary Society.



THE first meeting of the Literary Society this term was held on the evening of the 15th February. Mr. A. T. Wiancko occupied the chair, and about 60 members were present.

It may interest students of former years to know that loud talking and other noises in the College Reading Room has lately become so much of a nuisance as to call for some effective means to stop it. The matter was thoroughly discussed at this first meeting of the Society and it was agreed to appoint a committee, from among the students, of which each member should be in the Reading Room one day in turn for half an hour or so after each meal, and report any noisy person to the proper authorities. It is hoped that this plan will be effective.

An invitation from The University College Literary and Scientific Society, Toronto, to send a delegate to the coming convention of that Society was accepted, and Mr. Lailey was appointed to represent our Society there.

A letter was read from the Guelph Collegiate Institute Literary Society, containing a standing invitation to any members of our Society who would like to attend their meetings. This kind invitation will no doubt be accepted by many of our members.

After the foregoing business had been disposed of the programme was gone on with, being opened by Mr. E. F. White who in an interesting address on Tennyson's poems "Locksley Hall," "Enoch Arden," and "Idylls of the King," described their leading features and the care and attention to expression, a characteristic of Tennyson, which had been given to them.

The debate on the subject: "Resolved that the policy of the Opposition in the Dominion House of Commons is better than that of the present Government," was taken up by Messrs. A. W. Macdonald and H. D. Kewley. Mr. Macdonald speaking for the Opposition, and Mr. Kewley for the present Government.

The policy of the Government was ably championed by Mr. Kewley on such questions as the C. P. R. deal, cattle embargo and tariff, while Mr. Macdonald endeavored to show that the present Government's policy was not all that could be desired.

After the debate Mr. A. A. King recited, with much effect, the well known piece, "The Wreck of the Hesperus."

The discussion on the question of the evening followed, and a very lively time was indulged in by those whose party feelings had been aroused by the speakers.

After the discussion had been closed, a song by Mr. Morgan followed by another in response to an encore, and the critic's remarks, finished a very pleasant two and a half hours entertainment.

Athletics.

HOCKEY is now the order of the day and the enthusiasm shown at the matches proves that it is a most popular game with the students.

The II. team played the G. C. I. on February 2nd, and were victorious with a score of eleven goals to none (11—0). The score at half time stood four goals to none in our favor, but the first half of the game was closer than would appear from the score. The Captains decided to play twenty minutes each way; had the game gone on for the full time, the score might have been still more in our favor. F. Snyder, of the Guelph team, was playing point for the G. C. I., but was unable to stop the combination of our forwards. N. F. Wilson made a very good referee.

The return match against the G. C. I. was played on the following Saturday, and resulted in a win for the College by seven goals to two (7—2). The G. C. I. team was strengthened by Messrs. Petrie, Till and Mills, of whom played well. Play lasted as before, twenty minutes each way, and the ice was rather spoilt towards the end by the snow which had been falling steadily throughout the match. D. J. Macpherson acted as referee to every one's satisfaction.

The match arranged with the Guelph Hockey Club was played on February 7th, and proved a most exciting game. Our team played well, and it would be hard to single out any player for special praise. The team, having practised in our small rink, were at a great disadvantage in a rink so much longer, and towards the end of the game did not play up so hard as they did the first half. The game began at 7.45 p. m., and it at once became evident that the game was going to be a close one. After eight minutes play, Macpherson, who was playing on the forward line, put through the first goal for the College. The game had only just started again when G. A. Smith, who had been putting up a very useful game, was ruled off, the reason being, as far as could be seen, for holding up an opponent's stick with his own, a practice which anyone, knowing anything of the rules of the game, knows is perfectly allowable. However, the College after some good combined play again scored, Macpherson again doing the work. This brought the score to two goals to none (2—0) in favor of the College. Just before half-time was called, the game which had become somewhat slow owing to the off-side play of our team, according to the referee, was enlivened by another goal being scored by Macpherson. This goal, however, was not allowed. Owing probably to the bad light, the umpire failed to see the puck go through, and half-time was called with the score 2—0 in our favor.

Play, for some reason, lasted twenty-five minutes the first half, and thirty-five minutes the second half.

Soon after play recommenced, Smith scored a goal, but this was also disallowed. Five minutes before time was called Laughton scored a goal for the city which made the score two goals to one (2—1) in our favor. No further change in the score took place and we were left the winners by one goal.

Macpherson put up a very good game, and we sympathize with him for the way he was called upon repeatedly to face off for off side play, so-called. The College played a good combination and much better than their opponents, who did not seem to have any combina-

tion at all. Had our team been accustomed to the rink and the referee known more about the game, we are sure the score would have been more in our favor. However we must congratulate ourselves on the result, and hope that if the city challenge us to a return match we may win by a wider margin, and that our team will not play off side so much!

Exchanges and Thoughts from the College World.

Eighteen different publications are issued at Columbia College.

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The first ingredient in conversation is truth; the next, good sense; the third, good humor; and the fourth, wit.—Ex.

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The oldest college in the world is the Mohammedan College at Cairo, Egypt, which was 1,500 years old when Oxford was founded.

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At Leland Stanford the Faculty have organized among themselves a baseball nine, which has defeated every team the students have founded.—Ex.

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Better trust all and be deceived,
And weep that trust and that deceiving,
Than doubt one heart which, if believed
Had blessed one's life with true believing.

Francis Ann Kemble.

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A man lives by believing something; not by debating and arguing about many things. A sad case for him when all that he can manage to believe is something he can button in his pocket, and with one or the other organ eat or digest! Lower than that he will not get.—Carlyle.

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Catastrophe.

Tempus—Starlight.

Locus—Water below 32 degrees.

Dramatis Personæ—An Oriental—S. M. K. K.

A glide to the right

A slide to the left,

A trial to be clever

A frantic endeavor,

A

downward

career,

with heels in the air!

SHORTS.

How clear to my peepers, the scene of that starlight.

When violent concussion flashed it to view.—Ex.

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Principal Grant, at Queen's Convocation, said, "Any one would be within the mark if he said that half the students in Canadian colleges would have been better had they stayed at least a year longer in the high schools."

J. F. C.