

us are the dark shadows and lights of lower town ; across the dark river with the many vessels at anchor and in motion, are the twinkling lights of Point Levis. Farther down the river is the island of Orleans with its many bright lights and frowning down upon us is the huge citadel. Climbing up the cliff until we are under the walls of the fortress we await the booming of the big gun which is fired at ten o'clock. One cannot help being struck with the fact that although the English flag floats over us, yet Quebec in its speech, manners, customs, feelings and religion is still French, but with Parkman we all think that the best thing that ever happened to New France was its capture by the British.

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COLLEGE NOTES.

The Literary Society has been neglected so far as the PORTFOLIO is concerned, and we feel that it is about time our readers knew something of the work it is doing. The Society is being conducted with great vigor by the officers elected, and the programmes prepared have of late been largely of a literary character. Three weeks ago we had a debate—subject, "Resolved, that man will do more for Wealth than for Honor." Decision in favor of the negative. Both sides were well contested, and the arguments chosen reflected great credit on the debaters. The next meeting of our Society was very interesting, everything on the programme was "Irish." There was a great variety of taste shown in the selections of those who took part. The next afternoon we had another debate—subject, "Resolved, that higher education unfits woman for domestic work." Decision in favor of the affirmative. One of the arguments advanced by the affirmative was—that Eve, in the garden of Eden, in her desire for higher education, had struck a chord of unhappiness which ever since had vibrated down the ages. But this argument was refuted by one of the opponents, who said Eve was after "the apple" not after "higher education." A great interest and enthusiasm was manifested by all in the debate, and though we do not think that higher education unfits a woman for domestic work, we feel that the arguments brought forward gave us much food for thought. Last Friday the Society had one of the most successful meetings they have had this year. The programme was both musical and literary in its nature, and we were pleased to see such a large attendance and so great an increase in members. The critic is doing good work, and since her appointment to office many have been induced to help us who never before took part. The work has become