

MOMENTS OF INSANITY.

I dived in the depths of the darksome sea,
On a long, dreary day during June;
The ocean was colored like very strong tea,
And the clams they all whistled a tune.

I chanced in high spirits the fishes to find,
For they all were uncommonly spry;
They seemed to be very much out of their mind,
For the life of me I can't tell why.

The Trummlings trembled a tuneful lay,
As they rollicked around on the rocks;
And the Bumberloons suddenly stopped in their play,
And chewed off the tail of a fox.

Some Whirligumbongs, with a pair of hot tongs,
Fished down in a hole for two eels;
But a sea-serpent long, with an exquisite song
Fired them up to the moon by the heels.

Now while I admired the surprising array
Of six oysters along in four rows,
A huge Octopus with a frightful bray,
Caught me one on the end of my nose.

What seemed very sad, though not really bad,
Was a case that came off with a bang,
For a jolly old Shad, with a red liver-pad,
Eloped with a widow Trepang.

The glowing Galoon, with a huge iron spoon,
Beat time with *éclat* on a drum;
While the artist Simoon, played on the bassoon,
And the world went along with a hum.

THE IDIOT.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

At a mass meeting of the students held on Thursday evening, for the purpose of hearing the report of the Dinner Committee, it was decided to accept the recommendation of the committee to hold the dinner at Webb's, on Friday, Dec. 9. Representatives have been invited from Ann Arbor, Kingston Military College, and Provincial Land Surveyors' Association.

The Second Year men are doing some extra fine work in drawing this year, because it is said there is "no probable, possible shadow of doubt" that the best of them (the drawings) will be sent to Chicago for exhibition at the World's Fair. The First Year drawings are to be used as wrappers.

Last Tuesday our Association Football Team defeated '95, bringing to the S. P. S. the championship of the campus. It is necessary to mention this here for the reason that in the last issue of VARSITY no notice was taken in the sporting column of the way our team did up the predestination kickers the previous week, and a similar omission may be made again.

The age of chivalry is not yet past, for some of the members of our junior years have taken upon themselves to criticise our Faculty for not allowing our lady undergrad. exemption from field work. Why not allow exemption from Exams.? Perhaps it is not altogether a spirit of chivalry which prompts their remarks but motives which have a personal origin. Were this exemption allowed to ladies it is certain that some of our peach-complexioned freshmen, so great is their abhorrence of field work, would not hesitate to don "box platts" and thus deceive our Faculty into allowing them similar privileges.

An innocent looking piece of daintily perfumed pink-tinted note-paper was found floating around the Fourth Year room the other day. There appeared to be nothing

private in the communication it contained, so we give it to the other years:—

One hand stole gently round her waist,
The other hers did press,
"Now, George, that wrong"—! "Oh no"! said he,
"That's just *Compressive Stress*."

"And now may I guide through the mazy dance
Your form so lithe and supple?"
"Oh yes"! she said, "when the Lancers come,
So we'll be a *Balancing Couple*."

A BOOK EXCHANGE.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

DEAR SIR,—Two or three weeks ago one might have seen the notice-boards in any of the buildings covered with lists of books for sale. It seems to me that the notice-board plan is a very inconvenient way of purchasing books; the would-be purchaser often has to go a long way, and then runs the risk of finding either the owner or the book out. And yet it would be well if there were a way for the student who has books to sell to meet the other who wishes to buy. Why should we not establish a book exchange for the University of Toronto? I hear that in some High Schools and Collegiate Institutes they have been "run" with some success.

I think that the matter might easily be managed this way: A large locked cupboard could be placed in one of the rooms for the books, and a student appointed to look after them, whose duty it would be to keep posted up in a prominent place a correct list of the books for sale, and who would meet those coming after them at a specified hour one or more times a week. The owners could put their prices upon the books. Then, if sold, a specified fee of, say five per cent., might be charged to pay expenses. I think that it is a thing that the Literary Society might take up with advantage.

Yours truly,
H. D. WEAVER, '95-'96.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

NOTE.—Notices under this head must be in the hands of the Editor before Monday night.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST.

Y.M.C.A.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.
Class of '96 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 8.30 a.m.
Class of '94 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND.

Literary Society.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8 p.m.
The Varsity Glee Club.—Practice in Room 3, College Building, 4 to 6 p.m.
Ladies' Glee Club.—Practice in Room 3, College Building, 1 p.m.
Mathematical and Physical Society.—Room 16, College Building, 3.30 p.m. Life of Maria Agnesi—Miss Lindsay; Experiments in Interference of Sound—G. R. Anderson, and H. A. Moore.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD.

Victoria Literary Society.—Literary Society Hall, Victoria College, 8 p.m.
Jackson Literary Society.—Jackson Hall, Victoria College, 8 p.m.
Class of '94 Social Evening.—The top flat of Bank of Commerce Building, Cor. Spadina and College, 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH.

Bible Class.—"Liberal Giving," 2 Cor. xix. 1-12. Rev. J. P. Sheraton, D.D., Wycliffe College, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH.

Modern Language Club.—German meeting. Room 12, College Building, 4 p.m.
S.P.S. Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH.

Class of '95 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 8.30 a.m.
Y.W.C.A.—Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 4 p.m.
Natural Science Association.—In Biological Lecture Room, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH.

Bible Class.—Rev. Dr. McTavish's class for Bible training. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.