

MEETINGS OF THE WEAK.

By "PATIENT" SCHOOLMASTER.

THE following learned (sic[k]) societies wish to solicit the disrespectful attention of the public in general and of Ward Twenty in particular:—

(I) THE NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION.

Discourses rendered daily on one or more of the following subjects: (1) "The Common Grouse"; (2) "Eggs, and how to estimate their age"; (3) "The constituents of brown bread, parrich, and liquid cheese (alias milk)."

(II) ASTROLOGICAL AND BLACK ART SOCIETY.

Professor John Stone gives horoscope readings to the fair sex, and forecasts of the fateful, fearful future on the Swindell System.

The Unseen Hand, so famous in our sugar-basins just now, causes the mysterious disappearance of bottles of stout; also of flourishing 'taches.

Doctor Jonniwhisky demonstrates the unfathomable depths of the human stomach: four dinners on end and "still going strong."

(III) LITERARY & DEBATING SOCIETY.

Lectures nightly on (1) Airships; (2) The Five Classics; (3) How we do it in Yankee-land; (4) How they do us in England; (5) The Insignificance of the British Isles. Lectures are invariably followed by debates of a vigorous nature, greatly improving to the mind.

(IV) LE CERCLE FRANCAIS.

Learn French in a fortnight "Est-ce que voo ally me promeny ce swore? Compy umpty poo?"

(V) THE SOMNO-ELOCUTIONISTS.

Dramatic recitals in the very witching hour of night by John Bunshifter and Dick'Enson.

(VI) THE ANANIAS CLUB.

Tall yarns fresh from the long-bow of Past-Master Terminologicalinexactitudinis F. R. Nan; aided and abetted by Super-Prevaricator J. Onsen, and a crowd of minor pervertors of essential veracity. Meetings every evening. Lectures for this week: "The Marvellous Packing-Case"; "My Wonderful Lottery Luck"; "Tarts"; "Same Old Subject"; "Telephones"; and "U.S.A."

(VII) THE PHILHARMONIC NIGHTINGALES.

This talented musical society renders the following programme (the Sole Director of Musical Taste is the celebrated critic, Von Efferman):—

1. Song, "Snice to get up in the morning" —Gag-Knee.
2. "The Flying Dutchman"—P. Ope.
3. Rhapsody, "O, you beautiful doll"—The Director.
4. Song (with action), "The Cake Walk"—Cake-Walker.
5. Song, "The Varmer's Boy"—Bingo.
6. Duet, "Oft in the Stilly Night"—Messrs. W. Awker and Dickie Bird.
7. Rhapsody, "Take me back to U.S.A."—The Director.
8. Recitative, "Mes Aventures"—L. A. Poynte.
9. Song, "Put me among the Girls"—H. Owston.
10. Song and chorus, "Oirish, an proud av it too"—Paddy, Pat, Tim and the Rest.
11. Song, "I want to sing in Opera"—The Director.

Mr. Aseton is fortunately unable to appear, as his voice is somewhat husky. The Blackbird will supply the gallery in his choicest Ahnsditch. The Wild North-Wester will read selections of Military Law. The Tasmaniac will be present; he must be seen to be appreciated.

THE CANADIAN'S DECISION.

"Britain in need." Before him lay the Ocean,
Beyond the Motherland; o'er foam-flecked angry sea,
Upon whose seething waves in grand commotion
Old Albion's brave-manned guns flash forth defiantly.
A dastard foe has dared her shores to threaten,
A traitrous, ingrate foe that under guise of peace
Prepares for war; longing his sword to whetten
With British freemen's blood, and thus his might increase.
Oh! Germany, false friend, drunk with lust for power,

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Ruthless destroyer of Belgium's hard-earned, well-loved joys,
Hands clasped with doubting France; yet waiting for that hour
To strike her gasping low, and over her to poise
A dripping sword. Thou Hun, thou pitiless fiend,
Ally of heartless Turk, slayer of Armenian weak,
Dost think that loyal blood the wide-world o'er
Will not indignant surge? Whelps not answer lion's roar?
Clenching hardened fists, mien stern with righteous rage,
His figure tense, the setting sun upon his brow,
Soul obsessed with passions such as long to wage
War upon cruel brutes; a form that ne'er could bow
In servile fear beneath a vile monster's rod,
He debated there on sere Abraham's wind-swept heights,
Then with manful tread to uphold Honour's rights,
He turned to fight for King, for Empire, and for God.

TRELAWNEY.

SPOT HIM!

"I have got him on my list."
"Oh, that's an easy shot I missed."
"Got it! By Jove. The red and white have kissed."
"The table isn't true; I am sure it has a list."
What mean these mysterious ejaculations,
Suggesting something wrong in someone's calculations,
That someone's in a pucker, someone's in a stew?
I won't say any more. Can't you take the cue?
ZETO.

BILLY SUNDAY HAS ARRIVED WITH THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTION:—

AT THE next meeting of the Mess of the Officers of the Ontario Military Hospital, would it not be advisable to move a resolution regarding the abolition or continuance of the Dry Mess? and would suggest the following as a remarkably fair proposition:

"Whereas the installation of a Dry Mess at the Ontario Military Hospital has proven extremely beneficial to all members of the Mess; and whereas the temperance tendencies of the various members have been duly and properly advertised in Ontario; and whereas we believe the temperance policy of the Ontario Government has received from the said Mess all the moral support necessary for any or every political purpose; and whereas certain occasions and circumstances arise which render it imperative that wine be served in the said Mess,

Therefore be it resolved that the continuance of the Dry Mess be firmly adhered to, except in the following occasions and under the following conditions:—

- (1) When a visitor of military distinction is present;
- (2) When no visitor of military distinction is present;
- (3) When the weather conditions are typical of the English climate;
- (4) When the weather conditions are not typical of the English climate;
- (5) When the different members of the staff are working harder than usual;
- (6) When the different members of the staff are not working harder than usual;
- (7) When the dinner is "formal";
- (8) When the dinner is informal;

Provided that at all times only a certain amount of beer, ales, wines or other alcoholic beverages is allowed each individual member of the Mess, said individual member to be the sole and final judge as to proper amount."

"BILLY SUNDAY."

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