

position and has been for the past few days the admiration of the student body. The lower part of the apparatus is situated in the basement of the Mechanical Laboratory, and as the machine is about twenty feet in height it extends up into the first floor laboratory. The testing machine is specially designed for testing the strength of beams, and is arranged to give by an automatic indicator the number of pounds pressure required to break the beam in different positions.

A PASTORAL.

It was on a July morning,
A morning soft and fair,
A breath from the fading cloud-land
Was stirring in the air.
There was dew on the blackberry bushes ;
The stones lay dry and bare.

She came through the heat-dried pasture,
Swinging her milking-pail,
He through the sunny orchard.
They met at the old fence rail.
A little bird in the distance
Sang, and began to fail.

Everything was as it should be,
Morning, and sun, and shade ;
But 'twas only a common-place meeting
After all has been said, I'm afraid ;
For she was in love with *another* man,
And *he*—with another maid.

"UNIVERSITY EXTENSION."

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

That the warning, "Let us see that our University does not lose its national character," in the article on "University Extension," is most opportune will be easily seen from the following occurrence.

One evening last week, while enjoying the pleasure of society, I had what might be called "an eyeopening conversation" with a young lady. The mere outline of it will suffice. Did she attend the *Varsity*? Yes, she attended the *University*. The other usual questions were responded to thus, viz.: that she graced the first year and was taking a general course. I concluded that she was a pass man, and remarked that a goodly number of lectures would be her portion. Oh, no! she had only one lecture a week, and that on Saturday at 3 o'clock. I imagine that she cannot appreciate, as *Studiosus Infelix* did, the following lines:

O'er the student is set
The sharp-eyed McKim ;
But 'tis we who do pluck him—
What care we for him ?

That one could think that "a few intermittent classes" were equal to "a genuine University training," tempted me almost to enquire when *Miss Undergraduate* would go up for her B.A. degree, but restrained for fear she would think the question a *little too previous*. However, I believe I drew a distinction between the popular and the true significance of a University training. X.

We have this week to chronicle the appointment of three new members of the Faculty. Mr. D. W. McGee, the newly appointed Fellow in Oriental Languages, was in his undergraduate days a man well known around college, and one whose phenomenal percentages in his favorite subject will not soon be forgotten by Professor McCurdy. Mr. J. F. Howard, who has been appointed to the Fellowship in Mathematics, has a remarkably brilliant record in his course. Mr. W. S. W. McLay, the new Fellow in Italian and Spanish, has claims to distinction in the part

taken by him in athletics, in college politics and in the establishment of THE VARSITY as well as in his class list record. All three are members of the class of '91. We have great pleasure in extending our congratulations to these gentlemen.

The most successful of the series of open meetings of the Literary Society of the School of Pedagogy was held last Saturday night in the theatre of the school. A large number from the city, Varsity and other colleges were present and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening's entertainment. Principal McIntosh of the Model School occupied the chair. Mr. Frost, of '93, and Mr. Shaw gave solos, Misses Bowers a duet and Miss Harris a couple of instrumentals. Mr. McCuaig spoke for about half an hour on "The Function of Music in Education." Miss Marguerite Dunn and Miss Knox gave recitations which were enthusiastically received, the latter being presented with a bouquet by the students. With this meeting the society terminates a brief but most successful career. It was not organized until about the end of September, yet the energy and activity of President McKellar and the General Committee infused life into it from the start. In point of excellence its meetings have ranked with those of any kindred society in the city.

EXCHANGES.

Our American exchanges show a liberality in their choice of subjects and a breadth in their treatment undreamt of in the philosophy of Canadian collegiate journalism. Some of their poems possess a spice, and their sketches a raciness, to which our "Odes to the Moon" and "Strolls by Purling Streams" are but as lentils and pottage compared to the fleshpots of Egypt.

The November number of *Harvard Monthly* contains valuable essays on "The Place of Mysticism in Modern Life," and on Ibsen. The leading feature of the issue is a very powerful sketch entitled "The Revels of Monmarcel."

The Toronto VARSITY of November 3rd has a ludicrous article called "Treatise on the Law and Custom of Hazing." For clear sheer fun their selection is enjoyable, and if VARSITY has not obtained a copyright, Mount Allison would do well to have a few dozen copies struck off for the benefit of our boys.—*The Argosy*.

THE VARSITY comes out, in its issue of October 27, with a new title-page, which is deserving of compliment as a decided improvement over the old one. We are pleased to count THE VARSITY among our best exchanges, and would extend the best wishes of the *Collegian* for her future welfare.—*The Colorado Collegian*.

THE VARSITY will be found among our many excellent exchanges hereafter. It is "a weekly journal of literature, university thoughts and events," and comes from the University of Toronto. The editor comments on the question of wearing the "cap and gown." He says: "About three-fifths of the men—and in the first year the percentage will be larger—are mildly in favor of adhering to the old custom." The opinions of the extremists are given in these words: "The one swears by the gown as the badge of an honored profession; the other swears at it as a relic of the time when learning wore long clothes." The students demand that the matter be left to individual choice.—*The Selphic*.

THE VARSITY comes to our table each week filled with readable and instructive matter. Its numbers, up to the present, have been of course chiefly made up of matter relating to the opening work of the University; however, to the students, and particularly the freshmen, this is, of all matter, perhaps the most important. Its editorial columns show the same liberality and intellectual spirit that has heretofore been characteristic of them. We are always pleased to find it among our exchanges.—*Acta Victoriana*.