

dam, Leyden, Utrecht and Groningen. The reputation of some of the professors of Amsterdam, particularly in the faculty of science, made the choice fall upon the school of that city, and the fall of the year saw me travelling toward the capital to face the Great Unknown.

The first thing to be done was to find a room. Luckily a friend of mine had started studying in Amsterdam the year before and to his quarters I went for advice. He was living in the heart of one of the suburbs in which many of the students roomed, and after hunting and climbing up and down stairs I found a reasonable, comfortable sitting room, with a small bedroom en suite, not far from my friend. The corresponding rooms on the lower floor were taken by two brothers, one an architect, the other a decorative painter. My landlady introduced me to these gentlemen, and, finding them congenial company, I proposed having our meals together, which arrangement we kept up for the next two years, and, at least on my part, was enjoyed very much.

The next day I went down to register and received a card admitting me to the lectures of all professors and lecturers of the University during the current year. At the same time I was made the proud possessor of a long sheet, about two feet by six feet, looking like the announcement of an auction sale, on which was inscribed in the Latin tongue the intellectual bill of fare to be offered during the course. Fancy poor me, thinking that I could forget all Latin, and now being faced with legends like this:

"*Jacobus Fredericus so-and-so chemiam systematicam docebit die Lunae, horis ix et x, die Mercurii, hora x et die Saturni hora xi; capita selecta provectoribus tradet die Saturni, hora ix; exercitationibus practicis in laboratoris chemico quotidie praeerit,*" or, as perhaps the announcement of theological lectures might interest the readers of our magazine.

"*Cornelius Johannes so-and-so encyclopaediam theologicam exponet die Mercurii, hora xi, locos selectos ex veteris ecclesiae scriptoribus interpretabitur horis vespertinis discipulis et sibi commodis.*" And then at the beginning of almost every faculty a few names of professors marked with the pathetic words, "*rude donatus, quantum poterit, commilitonum studia adjuvabit,*" meaning "relieved of his