

them to throw all petty formalities to the winds, this "Old Roman" expects them to drop their eyelids—to look but see not—to pass each other with vacant stares! Truly he is a *very* old Roman.

He hints darkly at some indefinite crimes—too terrible for words—which he expresses by a dash, and threatens—actually—to reveal more—dashes, no doubt—if the women's manner is not improved! What a *very* surprising world we live in!

And now, "Old Roman," take kindly the advice of a well-wisher. Pack thy valise, get thee hence to Persia or Turkey! There wilt thou find veiled faces, drooping eyelids; there wilt thy grey hairs not be brought with sorrows to the grave by the thought that the aim of every woman's life is to make *thee* a victim of her wiles, to corrupt *thy* high morals by her glances and her smiles, to unfit *thee* for *thy* life's work. There, O thou son of Adam, the woman will not tempt thee!

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH M. LAWSON, '94.

University College, Feb. 17, 1892.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

DEAR SIR,—We are told that ancient "Old Romans," though rude indeed, were yet self-controlled and patriotic. A letter in your last issue conclusively proves that modern "Old Romans," doubtless by way of improvement, have developed the first of these qualities to the entire extinction of the others. It is an interesting study in reverse evolution to notice this progress from an unshorn Roman Cato, who would have deprived the matrons of their jewels, to a beardless Canadian Stultus, who has deprived himself of his manners. On ordinary occasions it is well to pass by in contempt the spasmodic utterances of evident impotence, but there are times, as Grattan long ago said, when the insignificance of the accuser is lost in the magnitude of the accusation.

It is not, however, on behalf of the lady undergraduates that we desire to express our indignation—it is not the language of canting bigotry that can injure them—it is rather on behalf of the *gentlemen* that we reply to the intemperate nonsense of one who in pursuit of manliness has so conspicuously displayed the absence of the first of its requisites. The *gentleman* arraigns the ladies—and especially the ladies of his own class—at the bar of Dame Propriety. He states his charges with an air of supercilious horror; it appears, however, that even his Roman heart is too faint to read the whole indictment, but what has he got to say? Why some poor, paltry, insipid slanders—or truths, if you will—that ought not to impose on a child's understanding and, like other charges long ago made, need only to be mentioned that they may be despised. "Ladies speak to their friends whenever their sweet will dictates; they permit escorts to accompany them to the very doors of learning's home, and some of the fresher of the freshwomen have even gone so far as to —, but I cannot declare it." We would express the hope that none of them will ever go so far as to permit him to accompany them to the very doors of learning's home. Special emphasis is laid on the momentous fact that one of the lady-undergraduates has been seen with an escort walking to church. These are, indeed, villanies of the darkest dye; but, atrocious as they are, worse, we are warned, could be mentioned. What do you mean, sir? But he is afraid to speak out. Fear not, Camillus. You can injure nobody. If the charges already advanced are what your bravery exposes, we have little cause for apprehension at what your cowardice conceals.

In reference to the aim which all men should have in attending our alma mater, we fully agree with the gentleman. We do come "to be ready to take our place in life as men"—cultured men, chivalrous men, *manly* men, and we must learn the supreme lesson of all high training. "Above all things," said Lord Dufferin, to the students of St. Andrew's, "above all things cultivate a tender and

loving reverence for women; it is the keystone of all goodness." And does the great statesman mean a distant reverence—an austere devotion? He would tell us to learn that lesson in the actual society of women, the society afforded by our homes, and by our University too. It is only a false and distorted manhood that shrinks from the company of those whom it is bound to admire, and serve, and love; and it is nothing but the narrowest intolerance for those who wish to be strong to maintain that women can give them nothing, when they can give them the most essential element and the crowning glory of strength—the element of purity, and the glory of refinement. And small is our respect for the man who so little respects himself as to refer in contemptuous terms to those who, when mentioned at all, should always be mentioned with courtesy, and to drag into the profaning blaze of notoriety that sweetest name, that name which should ever be held most sacred, the name of woman.

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NOTE.—Contributions to this column must be received before Saturday night. The secretaries of the different societies are requested to furnish us with definite but very concise information as to the time and place of meeting.

TUESDAY, FEB. 23RD.

Natural Science Association.—"Spirifera Disjuncta," W. A. Parks; "The Phosphines," F. Smale. Chemical Lecture Room, 4 p.m.
Class of '94 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.
Class of '93 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24TH.

Opening of the Engineering Laboratory, School of Practical Science. Addresses: Hon. G. W. Ross, Principal Galbraith, Prof. Coleman. S.P.S., 7.30, 8, 9.30 p.m.
Y.W.C.A. Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Bible Class.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 25TH.

Class of '95 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8.30 a.m.
Oriental Seminary.—Room 6, 2 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Meeting.—Korean Mission. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.
College Glee Club.—"Over the Don," "Buns." 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 26TH.

College Glee Club Nominations.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.
VARSITY Editorial Staff.—VARSITY Office, 7.15 p.m.
Ladies' Glee Club.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 1 p.m.
Medical Society Elections.—Old School, 8 p.m.
Literary Society.—Mock Parliament. Notices of motion must be in for Constitution Night. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 27TH.

Regular University Lecture.—"The Ancient and Modern Stage," H. Rushton Fairclough, M.A. University Hall, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 28TH.

Bible Class.—"St. Paul at Miletus," Acts, xx. 17-38. Rev. J. P. Sheraton, D.D. Wycliffe College, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 29TH.

Class of '92 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 9.40 a.m.
S.P.S. Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.
Modern Language Club.—"Mme. de Stael." Essays: Life; Corinne. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST.

Class of '94 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.
Class of '93 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 10 a.m.
Philosophical Society of '94.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.

AMONG THE COLLEGES.

Four hundred young ladies were unable to gain admission to Vassar College, the institution being filled to its utmost capacity.

Mr. D. L. Moody has offered to receive twenty-five young ladies from Christian Endeavor Societies at his Training School for Christian workers for merely nominal rates.

Senator and Mrs. Stanford, in order to form an art collection for their new university, propose to have copies made of all the masterpieces of Europe. The King of Italy, the Czar, and the King of Belgium have consented to the project and will aid in making the selections.