

We have had some very interesting addresses on Shakespeare. Wonder why someone did not think to give us Ingersoll's address on this subject! Whatever one may think of Ingersoll on other lines, he is worth hearing and reading on this.

The ladies should thank the provincial government for the Equal Guardianship Act. It is creditable legislation. They must not, however, overlook Bowser on the granting to them of the franchise.

"Lucian," "Diogenes," "Felix Penne"! What a splendid work you are each and all doing! With an Ambrose Bierce to act as unsparing critic, what could not such a trio do?

The *Province* might add to "Lucian's" duties a column devoted to the review of our school-book literature. Who better qualified?

"Felix Penne" is at present waging a highly desirable campaign in the interests of art. More power to your elbow, Felix!

Apropos of St. Patrick's Day, just passed, one becomes sadly convinced as time passes that Irish literature and music are all too little known. When a clergyman apologizes for the brevity of an Irish concert programme on the ground that there is so little Irish poetry and music, we realize that the unfortunate fashion prevailing in certain circles is robbing many of our children of a precious dower. If that clergyman or other interested person will drop a card to the editor of this column, care of 1317 Haro Street, he will get material enough for one evening's entertainment, at least.

Librarian Douglas is doing a good

work locally in having those Saturday evening lectures.

### QUERIES

Why do the Vancouver schools attempt to teach spelling by sound only, when it is admitted that our 26 letters represent 42 sounds?

Why does the Vancouver *Daily Province* take such a decided stand on all public issues, more particularly local ones?

If all the artillery of Europe cannot enforce a lie, why worry as to whether Germany will win the war?

What, from a patriotic standpoint, have those to say who are keeping thousands of dollars beyond necessary reserve in our banks and refusing to make them work for city, province and Empire?

What is to be done to lessen the excessive cost of local government spoken of recently by A. H. Macneill, K.C.?

What would happen if our press dispensed with F. A. McKenzie, Windermere, Draper, Simms, et al, and gave us more official information?

Is it not about time we got clear of such "spread-eagle" headlines over the news of our soldier boys as "Canadians Whip Kaiser's Finest," etc.? Our boys do not need it.

Does not the sympathy shown at Brewster's sad death show that everybody respects a man?

S-t-e-e-l industry or s-t-e-a-l industry, which?