

after which the programme was varied by compositions from Misses Bishop and Fitch, together with readings from "St. Nicholas" and Adelaide Proctor, by Misses Thomas and Hubley. Excellent instrumental music consisting of selections from Beethoven and Schubert was provided by Misses Welton and Murphy, while Mlle. Huguenin delighted the society with some charming French and German songs.

For the first time since the Pierian was organized we were treated with a little Icenio entertainment in way of a dialogue, "The Hoyden," whose parts were excellently taken by Misses Sawyer, Brown, Fitch and Starrat. Perhaps the most novel and enjoyable feature of the evening was the first issue of "The Thistle," read by Miss Starratt, Editress. Its columns furnished a happy mingling of wit and wisdom, and it is hoped that the members of the Society will take an interest and pride in supplying its future editors with fresh, spicy and entertaining contributions. After brief remarks by Miss Whidden, whose absence her pupils and associate teachers so sincerely regret, "Auld Lang Syne" was sung and the meeting adjourned.

"Star Gazing," has been quite in vogue, of late, among the ladies of the Seminary, and the waning energies of the Astronomy class have been much revived. Through the kindness of Professor Higgins the telescope was made to reveal some of the wonders in the stellar depths.

Excellent views were obtained of the Nebula of the Orion, of "Persepe" in Cancer, while Mars and the slender crescent of the New Moon, elicited many expressions of delight from the beholders. A few evenings later the occultation of Mars was eagerly watched by many inmates of the Sem. while more were intent on viewing from the cupola, fireworks in the village, of a more terrestrial nature.

At the third regular meeting of the Pierian Society, March 6, the following officers were elected.

Miss F. Thomas,	<i>President.</i>
" F. Peck,	1st V. "
" L. Benjiman,	2nd " "
" A. Fitch,	3rd " "
" W. Crosby	<i>Secretary.</i>
" L. Higgins,	<i>Treasurer.</i>

*Literary Committee.*—Misses E. T. Harding, B. B. Thomas, J. G. King.

*Committee of Music.*—Misses A. J. Dodge, K. B. Welton, C. Kinney.

## Things Around Home.

The hard students begin to grow pale.

Truly these spring days are invigorating.

The cry of the cricketer is heard upon the campus.

C. M. Pyke, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. T. Wilmot Eckhart and others, gave an admirable concert in Assembly Hall, March 12th.

A geological junior is anxious to know why Sir Charles Lyell is called *Penestella Lyelli* in Nova Scotia.

Some of our number will teach during the summer. We wish them success in their arduous and perplexing toils.

The matriculating class in the Academy contains a fine looking lot of fellows, and we understand that their attainments are in keeping with their appearance. We also hear good reports from their literary society, and hope that the ATHENÆUM may receive a new impetus from their presence next year.

Can any one inform us whence came those two strange ladies (?), who recently appeared among us, and whither they have gone?

The text-book on Political Economy now being used in the college, and we believe likely to be used for some time, is the work of Prof. Fawcett.

Lovers of the dictionary will find it a good exercise in orthography to make themselves capable of reading "An hour with the Dic-