

On a Saturday night, "thy exposition is most sound," thou art fitted for a great place and perchance, there be some among us, that shall see thee in the Moderator's chair with dignity (for thou dost have it on occasions) and with honor well deserved. Howbeit, oftentimes length of days is given to our race, and their vision fadeth slowly.

Thou art an M.A., a fellow in Philosophy, a graduate in Divinity, and thy record—and thy chin—say that in debate thou dost not come to "lame and impotent conclusions." But this, I add,

"Why dost thou in thy deliberations rare  
Give judgments in a tone and air  
As if the whole creation were at stake?"

Your—*Alma Mater.*

P.S.—Poison ivy is a noxious thing, thou knowest?

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## ***Students or Reporters.***

That the necessity which exists for taking notes lessens the value of every lecture received, is a fact which I think no one will gainsay.

The thread of the discourse is often lost while taking down some grievous statement, no time is allowed for consideration and digestion of the matter prescribed, and the notes are often badly arranged and thus not of the highest value for review.

Again note-taking is a great spoiler of handwriting. One professor with whom I discussed the subject, told me that while in college his handwriting became "vile," and it was only by care and perseverance after graduation that he brought it back to its original clearness and symmetry.

Seeing these evils which note-taking entails, would it not be in the best interests of both staff and students, if lecture notes were printed and sold at cost. Some of the members of the faculty have already distributed printed or type-written copies of their notes and these have been greatly appreciated.

At another institution, with which I have an intimate acquaintance, many of the courses of lectures are embodied in small paper-covered books which are sold at from 25c. to 75c. per copy and this plan has been followed with excellent results for the past ten years. The editions should be small so that they may be frequently revised and blank pages should be left at the back of the book for notes on the most recent knowledge of the subject. These little books would not only free us from the taking of notes, but would give us personal mementoes of our respected and beloved professors which we should treasure in after-life.—L. L. D.