

study of Agricultural Chemistry is of more benefit to the farmer, than that of English" was ably sustained by Messrs. Wilkin and Harcourt for the affirmative, and Messrs. Morgan and Harvey for the negative. The committee, on the merits of the speakers, decided in favour of the affirmative. The house, on the merits of the question, decided in favour of the negative. Mr. Hurley's instructive speech on the "Hog" was followed by an amusing recitation, by Mr. Ruthven. The regular critic being on the debate, his place was ably filled by Mr. Sharman. A great fault in the programme was the scarcity of music.

AN INTERCEPTED LETTER.

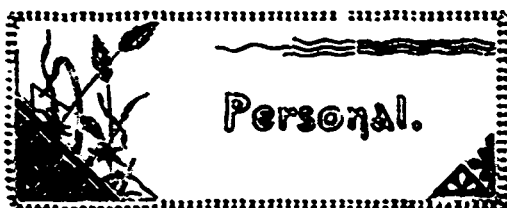
"My dearest Mary,—

They say writing is the next thing to speaking and I am sure the person who said this must be right, for not being able to speak to you I feel I should go crazy if I did not write. If I thought that my hopes for our future should not be verified then I would try suicide again, for once having met you I cannot imagine a life, without you to kiss and hug the livelong day. Oh! my darling, you don't know how dearly I love you. Before your many charms, the dusky beauties of my native Indian jungle fade and are completely forgotten. Even those girls I met at Muskoka last summer, who, till I saw you, seemed to me the very ideal and perfection of feminine grace and beauty, are as completely eclipsed, as is Arcton when Doherty appears on the scene." * * * At this point the feelings of the writer seems to have completely overmastered him, the remainder of the letter being nothing else than the incoherent ravings of an unbalanced mind.

An open meeting of the Literary Society was held for the special benefit of the ex-students, on Feb. 6th. The programme was opened by the President's address; a song by Mr. Soule, which followed, was loudly applauded; Mr. Wilkin then gave us an interesting address on Calgary; Mr. Worthington's solo brought down the house, but unfortunately owing to the length of the programme encores were not allowed. Mr. Shaw's recitation created much amusement; Mr. F. Field, of Cohourg, by special request favoured us with a song, which was loudly applauded; a reading by Mr. Newcomen was delivered in that gentleman's usual effective manner, followed by Mr. Whitley's excellent solo. Then Mr.

T. B. Willans favored the audience with one of his clever essays (an interruption by Mr. Newcomen during this piece was promptly suppressed). Mr. Buchanan's recitation caused much laughter. Mr. Soule then favored us again, and as usual was loudly cheered. Mr. Field's comic reading was followed by a recitation from Mr. Whitley, who kept his audience in breathless suspense from beginning to end of his piece. A number of ex-students gave short speeches, when the meeting was closed by singing "Good-night Ladies."

THE fourth annual entertainment of the 3rd. year was held in No. 1 class-room on January 30th. Mr. Harcourt, B. S. A., in opening the meeting, remarked that since they had first been inaugurated they had always been looked forward to with intense interest, and certainly from the excellent way in which the first-class programme was rendered, all in the audience will look back upon this evening as one of the most pleasant they have spent in the O. A. C. Literary Society. Instead of a regular orthodox debate, four speakers brought before us the merits of their favourite authors as follows: Mr. Holliday Bacon; Mr. Palmer—Shakespeare; Mr. Sleightholm—Addison; Mr. Whitley—Milton. The speeches of all were most entertaining, the advocate of Milton being judged to have brought forward the best arguments. Mr. Sharman's "Character sketch of Lord Macaulay" was pithy, concise, and very well put together. Mr. Linfield's essay "Nature under the Microscope," proved highly interesting as well as most instructive. The recitations of Messrs. Hewgill and Cowan were loudly applauded, while the comic reading, "Too Awfully Lovely Philosophy," by Mr. Field, brought down the house, being delivered in our 3rd. year cherub's sweetest manner. The various choruses greatly enlivened the meeting, and much credit must be given to their talented composers.



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