

## The College Girl

To-night the Ladies' Glee Club give their annual concert in Association Hall. The enterprise of the club in giving their concert down town instead of in the University Gymnasium as heretofore, deserves great encouragement, and of course every college girl will not only come to the concert, but will induce all her friends to do so also, so that this effort of a college girls' club may be a huge success. A very pleasing feature of the programme will be of unaccompanied part songs which the club will give, while the singing of Miss Beverley Robinson and Mr. Harold Jarvis is too well known to need any comment here. The complete programme will be found in another part of the paper.

The lecture on Rudyard Kipling given last Saturday evening by Professor Morse Stephens, of Cornell, was exceedingly entertaining and enjoyable, the only thing to cause regret was the fact that Association Hall was not filled to the doors on this occasion. However, the audience was not small, and was exceedingly appreciative, and the Women's Residence Fund will doubtless be increased by a goodly sum.

Professor Stephens preferred to treat Rudyard Kipling subjectively. This made the lecture uncommonly interesting, as it enabled the audience to get a view of the personality of the lecturer, who has made his name a widely known one by his work in the field of history. Professor Stephens' view of the poet showed his development as marked by three stages—showed him as the apostle of the Gospel of work—of brave loyal work in steadfast silence, showed him as the preacher of British Imperialism—the exponent of the idea of Greater England. And most of us who listened felt our pulses quicken a little, and a wave of patriotic feeling sweep over us as Professor Stephens read two or three of the poems embodying his idea. The most enjoyable part of the evening, to me, at least, was the reading of some of Rudyard Kipling's poems. "The Royal Marines" brought forth a storm of applause, to which the lecturer graciously replied with his favorite, as he told us, of the "Barrack Room Ballads"—"Mandelay." The lecture was concluded by a brief commentary on, and the reading of "The Recessional."

The weekly meeting of the Y.W.C.A. was held on Wednesday afternoon at the usual hour. The attendance was not nearly so large as usual. Among the most regular attendants at our meetings, we are glad to welcome Mrs. Cameron, the honorary president of the society. Miss Pearce, '98, presided. The special feature of the meeting was the paper read by Miss Darling, '01, which had for its text Prov. 24: 11, 12. This paper was full of helpful suggestions, and proved very interesting. Miss Hurlburt also read a short but interesting paper on Prov. 14: 12. A discussion of this latter topic ensued. In spite of the meagre attendance the meeting proved very enjoyable.

A very brief and rather informal meeting of the Women's Literary Society was held on Friday, at noon. The President, Miss Hunter, announced that the committee of the Knox Literary Society had invited our "Lit." to send two representatives to their Conversat to be held to-morrow evening. The Vice President, Miss Northway, and the Secretary, Miss Daisy Wright, were unanimously chosen to represent the Society upon this occasion.

The debate between the representatives of the Women's Literary Societies of Victoria and University Colleges will take place in Victoria College on Friday of next week, instead of Thursday as before decided on. The subject as finally agreed upon is: "Resolved, that the training received from the study of Natural Sciences is more beneficial than the training received from the study of literature." Misses Kerr and Fife will argue the negative side of the proposition for Victoria, and Misses Hughes and Stovel the affirmative for University College.

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The chief feature of the programme to be given at the Women's "Lit." next Saturday evening will be the dramatic presentation of some scenes from Addison's "Cato." The characters have been arranged for as follows:

Cato.....	Miss Thornton, '00.
Juba.....	Miss Watt, '01.
Marcia.....	Miss E. Fleming, '00.
Lucia.....	Miss Baird, '00.

In addition to this there will be a very interesting programme, which will include the following numbers: A piano duet, by the Misses Flavelle; a vocal solo by Miss Bagstry, '97; and a piano solo by Miss Hutchinson. This is the last meeting of the Society for 1897, so doubtless every college girl will make a special effort to be present, that we may finish out the year well. CARR, '78.

### THE GIRLS WANT A SKATING RINK.

TO THE EDITOR OF VARSITY:

In last week's issue of VARSITY reference is made to the present indecision of the Athletic Directorate in the matter of a college rink. As last year's rink was much better patronized by the women students, proportionately, than by the men, it seems only fair that their opinion should now at least have expression. The girls want the rink most emphatically, and under certain conditions it will have their support. We think that last year we were rather unfairly treated. We were given to understand when the rink was opened that skaters had a monopoly of the ice in the afternoons. We were far from expecting, further from desiring, that in this case "skaters" was a word exclusively of the feminine gender, but could we not reasonably interpret the statement as meaning that between the hours of three and half-past six, at any rate, there would be no hockey-sticks to catch our heels and shock our nerves? As it was, however, we found occasionally a hockey match in progress; and almost every day there were two or three little side shows going on, in which hockey-sticks played a prominent part, and which seemed incidentally to require the whole area. Now we like a crowd on the rink—but we prefer a crowd without sticks. Another condition of the girls' support is, that the rink be ready at the beginning of the season, when we have more time, and, generally speaking, better ice. Otherwise our tickets will probably be already bought for another rink before the college rink has materialized. Some of the girls have suggested to me, too, that an occasional bench on the ice is desirable, as the fence is neither the most dignified nor the most comfortable of resting places. Perhaps when the rink is started the directorate may feel in a position to meet this extra expense. Under these conditions, then, the patronage of the women students is assured. The directorate can have no fault to find with their support of last year; I have every reason to believe that the same girls who patronized last season's rink will stand by it this season, and why should there not be also many more?

Yours very truly,  
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