

WT AN INVASION OF PETTICOATS  
THREATENED.

I see by the college press that co-education is a live question in many of the higher institutions of learning on this continent. At Harvard there is the Annex, devoted to the education of women; girls mingle indiscriminately with boys at the university of Michigan; the advisability of admitting women to Columbia is before its board of management; and in Canada we have young women attending the medical schools in this city, and our own university admitting them to its examinations, (we have already twenty-three girl undergraduates,) and I even remember seeing last winter two damsels at our chemistry lectures in the School of Practical Science. Now boys, this is coming pretty near home, and if we don't look out the first thing we know they'll be into University College as thick as grasshoppers, overflying the lecture-rooms, wanting to loard in the residence, to wear gowns, (see Sambourne's picture in *Punch* two weeks ago,) to attend the meetings of the society, and to be up to all sorts of things. I, for one, expect to graduate this year, and thus hope to escape the petticoat brigade; but I warn you who are in the years below me that you'll have to look alive or else they'll crowd you out—scholarships, medals, prizes, and such will be swept by girls. The first thing you know the women'll send in a deputation to the Council, the members of which they'll chuck, metaphorically speaking, under the chin, and secure for their daughters the right of attending our lectures. Then the Senate will be invaded, and asked to bestow the degree of maid of arts (like if they weren't up to enough tricks now), maid of laws, etc. I just warn you men of the lower years that you'll have to bestir yourselves if you wish to preserve your rights. When girls take to coming 'round here I'll disown my degree (if ever I get it). There are enough tricks in vogue now about college; what'll they be when girls get in? They'll devise all sorts of schemes to decoy men from their books, (so that they may fall behind in their work and enable girls to get ahead of them), give parties, ask you to take them to the theatre, and all that sort of thing. And then they'll all 'crib' in the examination hall—do you think our worthy bedell would be ungallant enough to eject a girl caught riding a 'pony,' or if he did do his duty do you think he'd have a moment's peace ever after? Oh! you fellows may laugh and think it would be fine fun to have them 'round here, but I tell you what it is you'll repent it. I know what it is—I've four sisters and a maiden aunt in the house. Perhaps you'll say I'm a girl-hater. *An contraire*, I love them—but not about colleges. Moreover, you'll notice that the demand for girls who can run a man's house is brisk, the supply limited. Therefore give Miss Dods lots of elbow room for her schools of cookery and domestic economy, let ladies' schools flourish, let music masters and dancing masters grow rich through teaching our sisters, but make it hot for the first petticoat caught in our lecture-rooms; and above all, boys, don't be led away by the idea of sitting next to a 'sweet girl undergrad,' in lectures, or taking one to the theatre, or being bracketed on the class list with the belle of the college, and remember that if your wife is able to write the same degree after her name that you can after yours, or to say that she went to the same college that you did, and consequently knows as much as you do, all hope of your being boss is at an end, and the days of harps and willow-trees have returned.

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## MY PONY.

I had a little handy horse  
Whose name was Series Bohn;  
I lent him to a freshie  
Wherewith his work to con.  
He thumbed him, he smudged him,  
He rode him without tire—  
No more I'll lend my pony  
Though freshies do desire.

## COLLEGE ITEMS.

HAVE you seen the picture of the thirteen immortals?

ANNUAL meeting of the Natural Science Association Wednesday April 7.

THE amount subscribed toward the boat club fund is \$507.

THERE is to be a review at Quebec on the 24th of May and more than likely the Queen's Own will take part. If so our company will be there.

THAT YOUNG man of the second year who tried to exhibit his wit at the last two logic lectures has been weighed and found wanting—well, not in cheek.

THERE will be no examination on 'Baines' new analytic of Political Economy,' erroneously placed in the curriculum for honor men of the fourth year in department five.

THERE is likely to be an election over every office in the Society this year. The respective friends of W. N. Ponton, M.A., '77, and William Johnston, M.A., '74, have prevailed on these gentlemen to stand for the office of president.

SECOND-YEAR men who are candidates for office have suddenly become condescending enough to 'cultivate' freshmen, and to be seen shaking hands with them, to be heard enquiring after the health of their families, and practising a thousand and one other election ruses.

## THE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

At the meeting last night several new members were proposed. Committees were appointed to award the essay and college song prizes and the McMurrich medal. R. Y. Thomson and A. C. Courtice were appointed auditors. An essay, 'Poetry and Freedom' was contributed by E. J. McIntyre, and readings given by W. F. Maclean and W. H. Blake. In the debate, 'Has credulity or incredulity done most to hinder progress?' the affirmative was supported by C. F. McGillivray, J. Baird, and H. S. Brennan, and the negative by W. Laidlaw and F. Ames. The president gave decision in favor of the latter.

Notices of motion were given of several amendments to the constitution. One is to strike out the words 'and Scientific' in sec. 1 and 2, art. I, and the whole of sec. 5, art. V, the object being to hand over the McMurrich medal to the Science Association. Several of the amendments are to provide for the affairs of the reading room being handed over to the House Committee. It is also proposed to raise the membership fee to \$2, to strike out rule of order 5 and sec. 4, art. I. Another provides that only those who have attended one-fourth of the meetings of the year shall be entitled to vote for or be elected to any office. A series of important amendments by Mr. Lydgate has for its object the division of the Society into two parts for literary purposes.

## EXCHANGES.

THE *King's College Record* has issued its prospectus for 1880, and evidently is on the high-road to success. The style of the sheet has been changed for the better.

HERE is an incomplete list of Canadian college and school journals: *King's College Record*, Windsor, N.S.; *Dalhousie Gazette*, Halifax; *Argosy*, Sackville, N.B.; *Queen's College Journal*, Kingston, *Acta Victoriana*, Cobourg; *The Sunbeam*, Whiteby; *Rouge et Noir*, Trinity, Toronto; *White and Blue*, Toronto; *The School Magazine*, Hamilton; *Portfolio*, Hamilton.

COLLEGE journalism is a development of newspaperdom. It fills a place in the place of the press which has been until recently unoccupied. All trades and professions, in these days of universal newspaper reading, have their official publications, and in due time it was felt that students must have their college papers, so that now there is not an institution of learning in the land but has its organ.—*Dalhousie Gazette*.

THE Hamilton *Spectator* had a very fine story in its columns about our students being so smitten with Adelaide Neilson that they went down to the station to see her off; that on reaching the platform Juliet dropped (quite accidentally of course) one of her garters; that thereupon there was mad struggle for its possession etc., etc.; and that now, secured by a glass case, it graces the mantel piece of a resident student. This is, as was said, a very good story, but the residence man in question wishes it known that it was not a garter that he secured (though at the time he thought it was) but only a piece of tape on which was printed: 'the loosely—Holman liver pad,—best in the world.'

THE *Sunbeam* from the Ontario Ladies' College, Whiteby, for February, is readable. The 'local' column, among other things, records the sudden death of a 'pet canary.' This is the second catastrophe of like nature that has visited this school. Then comes the local druggist, with an account of the 'unparalleled celebrity' of his 'glycerine balm,' which has 'received the approval of numerous families,' and which 'restores to almost infantile softness the cuticle,' also his 'teaberry powder for stimulating the mouth and purifying the breath.' Girls, do you use these things? From another part of the *Beam* we learn that it is the custom at Whiteby to jump out of a warm bed in the morning, and grope around in the cold and dark to find a match, with which to light the lamp in order to write a composition.

## COLLEGE WORLD.

THE girls at Whiteby Ladies' College have to make their own beds.

THE University of Michigan has 134 female students at the present time. In a recent communication the president of the institution expressed his views as follows: 'After nine years' experience in co-education we have become so accustomed to see women take up any kind of university work, carry it on successfully, graduate in good health, cause no embarrassment in the administration of the institution, and awaken no especial solicitude in the minds of their friends or their teachers, that many of the theoretical discussions of education by those who had no opportunity to examine it carefully, read strangely to us here on the ground.'

THE blacksmith of Glamis's description of metaphysics was: 'Twa folk disputin' together; he that's listenin' disna ken what he that's speakin' means, and he that's speakin' disna ken what he means himself—that's metaphysics.' In De Morgan's 'Formal Logic' the following is found: 'I would not dissuade a student from a metaphysical inquiry; on the contrary, I would rather endeavor to promote the desire of entering upon such subjects, but I would warn him, when he tries to look down his own throat with a candle in his hand, to take care that he does not set his head on fire.'