

Once a little handbag
Certainly was mine;
Labels stuck upon it
Of the "Allan Line".
Someone, in the autumn,
Borrowed it, alack!
But my little handbag
Never has come back.

This is not intended
Simply as a jest;
Rather as a simple
Serious request.
Have you "gentle reader,"
Seen my property?
If so, I beseech you,
Send it back to me.

Room 54.

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During the lecture season of 1897-8, a large number of the cities and towns throughout the Province availed themselves of the opportunity offered to them to listen to lectures given by members of the staff of this University, and by other friends of Trinity. Altogether there have been seventy applications made for these lectures, though it has not been possible to accept all of the invitations. About fifty lectures have been delivered under the auspices of Collegiate Institutes, High Schools, Literary Clubs, Public Libraries, and Churches; and in almost every instance the attendance has been good and the audience appreciative. The following are the names of the places visited:—Bowmanville, St. Catharines, Arthur, Port Hope, Brockville, Prescott, Aylmer, Stratford, Simcoe, Bradford, Guelph, Oakville, Niagara Falls, Dundas, Galt, Dunnville, Brantford, Peterborough, and Walkerton.

The Provost has lectured in some fourteen or fifteen places, and keen appreciation of his lectures has been expressed in the local papers wherever he has been. "George Eliot" and "John Bunyan" appear to have been his most popular lectures; but those upon "Religious Revivals" and "Cambridge" have likewise been in demand.

Professor Rigby's lecture on "Sheridan" has elicited much praise from the press, and Professor Mackenzie's "Rudyard Kipling" has delighted all his audiences in more than half a dozen towns.

By delivering several lectures, Surgeon-Major Keefer has most kindly and ably contributed to this good work, which has been carried on under the direction of the Executive Committee of Convocation. Those who heard his "Eastern Types" felt that they had a treat, his style being lucid, his manner pleasing, and his matter highly instructive.

Professor Montgomery's lime-light views of extinct creatures attracted much attention and proved a revelation to many.

The lectures on the Oxford Movement and Matthew Arnold were enjoyed by Professor Cayley's auditors in Stratford and Simcoe; and Mr. Young's "Faust" and "King Arthur" were much appreciated, especially his lecture on the former subject in Galt, where a crowded house listened to the lecturer.

The Reverend H. Bedford-Jones, the Reverend J. C. Farthing, and His Honour Judge McDonald also gave valuable lectures in Walkerton, Prescott, and Brockville; and one of the most popular and entertaining of all was that given by the Reverend W. H. White upon "Charles Dickens."

Of the Provost's lecture in Peterborough, the *Daily Examiner* says:—"The lecture generally was a summary of the recent history of the Church of England presented in a series of life-like pictures of the successive movements within it, and was characterized throughout by the kindly spirit and breadth of charity in which the different religious opinions were referred to."

The *Brantford Courier* states that:—"The Provost's graceful and scholarly language and tolerant, sympathetic spirit were very refreshing, and have deepened the warm feeling which he had already inspired in Brantford hearts."

From a somewhat detailed account of his lecture contained in the *Galt Daily Reporter*, the following extract is taken:—"The reputation of the lecturer as the head of one of Ontario's educational institutions had preceded him, and those who had the pleasure of hearing the Provost in his last winter's talk on 'George Eliot' had preserved kindly memories of the treat then afforded them. As a consequence it is not surprising that a large audience greeted the lecturer last night on this his second appearance in Galt. Doctor Welch possesses in a very high degree the qualifications of the ideal lecturer, the ability to compass his subject comprehensively and exhaustively, and to express himself in simple, clear, direct, and chaste English, and in a voice resonant and well-modulated,—this last feature being particularly noticeable in his reading, for it is doubtful if any one coming to Galt distinctively in the capacity of a lecturer has shown such admirable skill in reading as Doctor Welch."

The *Brockville Recorder* has the following:—"The Collegiate Institute lecture course closed last night with a brilliant lecture by Professor Rigby, of Trinity University, on 'Richard Brinsley Sheridan.' Sheridan's magnificent

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