

that be," would not now be a member of the Law Faculty of Kings College, would not have been returned by acclamation to the Legislature of his native province, would not have been twice elected President of the Mechanics' Institute of St. John and now be one of its principal directors, would not have received the degree of M. A. from Brown University and the same degree followed by D. C. L. from his own University, would not have such extensive knowledge of his mother tongue and with his persuasive rhetoric be able to touch the mind and fasten conviction, if there were not behind all this the charm of strong personality, the strength of character, the mental force, which may be regarded as at once the reason and explanation of all.

The Babbling Brook

BY MISS ZITELLA COCKE.

'Twas in the month O' Maying that a mah and maid went straying
 Blooming fields and meadows green a-through.
 But what the man was saying, or the pretty maid betraying,
 Why, the simple smiling meadows never knew !

Down woodland ways enchanted and through flower-brake bird haunted
 Where the leaves in gossip whispered low,
 The man and maid went faring, but the vows the two were swearing,
 Why, the green and silly leaflets did not know !

And still the hour of gloaming found the happy pair a-roaming
 By the water-ways in valleys sweet,
 Where a brooklet wise and wily wound about their pathway slyly
 With a song of murmured music at their feet.

And aye that brooklet listened, and its waters glanced and glistened,
 Till it laughed aloud in gurgling glee,
 As it hurried over highways, through the hedges and the by-ways,
 On its way to tell a secret to the sea.

Deem not a word of warning meet for man or maiden's scorning,
 Who from morn to eve a-maying go ;
 For brooklets can discover all the words and ways of lover
 And will babble every secret that they know.

From "A Doric Reed."

College Friendships

As one nears the completion of his University course and the consciousness grows upon him that a radical change is soon to take place in his life ; that many of the associations of his school