

ON SHAKESPEARE.

Pure soul, broad soul, deep soul! thy fellow-men
To thee may find no symbol half so true
As some strong river, wide, abysmal, blue,
Traversing plain and upland, gorge and fen,
'Mid Earth's prone paths reflecting Heaven's hue,
And carrying joy and music wheresoe'er
Its waters sweep—whether in meadows fair
Or wastes that not a blossom breaketh through.

Divine thought so forthshadowing, from deeps
Where Light and Sweetness, Purity and Love,
Are one, and as one current and purpose move,
Thou speakest sanity and strength to life—
Fresh'ning the blossoms on its flow'ry steeps,
Lifting a song where rocks and thorns are rife.

JAS. A. TUCKER.

Y. M. C. A.

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood for the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom
or blight,
Parts the goats upon the left hand and the sheep upon the
right;
And the choice goes by forever twixt the darkness and the
light.

—Lowell

Every day is a Dies Irae, which writes its irrevocable ver-
dict in the flame of its west. —*Ruskin*.

In these passages we have two great truths expressed
by two master minds. There is a sense in which every
day is a Judgment Day for each one of us; and if this ser-
ious truth were constantly before our minds, it would often
have a wholesome effect on our conduct. But it is also
true, and surely self-evident, that some particular day will
come in our lives, after which our choice of the good or
evil side will never be reversed. And this is an important
truth for college men especially to ponder over; for statis-
tics show that, in the case of college graduates, at least
nineteen out of every twenty make this final choice before
graduation. Our life here is calculated to confirm us in
our moral attitude, whatever it may be. How important,
therefore, that we should take at once a decided stand on
the side of Truth and Right, while our influence will tell
on others who will soon be scattered far and wide, per-
haps to hear of us no more!

NOTES

Let us call attention once more to the Y. M. C. A. Bible
class, taught by Dr. Sheraton at Wycliffe College every
Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The attendance has been
very gratifying, but we would like to see still more.
Topic next Sunday: "The Spirit the Vicar of Christ"—
John xvi. 7-14.

As this is the regular week of prayer in all colleges, the
year prayer meetings are thrown open to all. All are in-
vited to these meetings. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
and Friday from 8.30 to 9.55 a. m. After this week the old
order will be resumed again as usual.

An old French proverb says that "the good is the
enemy of the best"; and this is well illustrated in our col-
lege life here. All our clubs and societies are good—
whether literary or athletic—all good in their places. But
when they conflict in their meetings and games with the
Y. M. C. A., we may say, without being charged with boast-
ing, that they are the enemies of "the best." And when
our fellows attend these in preference to the Y. M. C. A.,
they are generally choosing "the good" rather than "the
best." There should not be any conflict. But we think
that, whenever it is possible, the prior claim of the
Y. M. C. A. to the hour from 5 to 6 on Thursdays should be
respected by sister organizations.

Our Thursday meetings have been very well attended
however, and have been very interesting and profitable.
We have had thus far: Dr. Erdman, of Philadelphia;
Rev. S. D. Chown, Dr. Tracy, Hon. David Mills, and Rev.
Dr. Henderson—truly a splendid array of men of varied
talents and attainments. Dr. Henderson gave us a pow-
erful address last week. Next Thursday, 14th inst., we
are to have Prof. Clark, M. A., of Trinity University, a
man of rare eloquence and ability, and thoroughly in touch
with student life. Let us give the professor from a sister
college a cordial reception.

Some choice nuggets from Dr. Henderson's address:

"We must put God at the centre of all our thinking,
all our loving, all our living."

"Do not belittle reason. Without the eye, the tele-
scope would be useless; without reason, revelation would
be of no avail."

"We are not always free to do what we choose; but
we are always able to choose what we shall do."

"Good laws are an effect, not a cause. They spring
from a good people, but do not make a people good. They
can restrict and educate, but can never regenerate men."

"Man cannot be saved by any human agency—educa-
tion, environment, sanitary surroundings, æsthetic culture
or anything else—but only by some supernatural power—
a miracle. The Gospel itself is a miracle."

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE Y.W.C.A.

The first missionary meeting of the College Y.W.C.A.
for the year was held last Wednesday afternoon, and was
very well attended. The greater part of the hour was
spent in listening to a missionary address on Corea from
Mr. Griffith, the travelling secretary of the C.C.M. Mr.
Griffith began by speaking in a general way of the evils of
heathenism. He then spoke more particularly of Corea,
and the work of the Canadian Colleges' Mission in that
country. The address, which was full of interest and
instruction, will, we trust, awaken and deepen the interest
of the college girls in mission work.

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CONFÉRENCE LITTÉRAIRE.

On Saturday morning, Nov. 2nd, a large number were
treated to the first of the series of "Conférences Littér-
aires" given by Monsieur Queneau in the French language.
Room 9 was filled to its utmost by an appreciative gather-
ing. Monsieur Queneau took as his subject the works of
Paul Bourget, and treated this modern novelist in a com-
prehensive and instructive manner. Illustrating his
remarks by passages read from the author's chief works,
the lecturer showed the main characteristics of the writer
of "Outre Mer." It is to be hoped that many students and
their friends will avail themselves of the excellent oppor-
tunity afforded by these lectures to become more intimate
with French contemporaneous literature, and with the
French accent. The next lecture will be delivered on
Saturday, Nov. 16th, when Pierre Loti will be the author
under discussion.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

The opening meeting of the Political Science Associa-
tion will be held next Thursday, at 4 p. m., in the Biological
Building. Prof. Mavor will deliver a lecture, illustrated
by lime-light views, on "Adam Smith and His Friends."

Prof. Goldwin Smith has kindly consented to occupy
the chair.

Dick Grant won the cross-country run at Harvard.