

Saturnus regnum referet
Resurgens aureum,
Arasque Divom destruet
Priorum omnium :
Hic colitur non victimis,
Sed floribus et lacrimis.

Heu ! Musa, mortem desinas
Mortali canere !
O fuge, scire est nefas,
Sic fata querere !
Mundus defessus, clade satur,
Quiescat nunc, vel moriatur !

WM. H. C. KERR.

A BALLAD OF BURDENS.

*"I remember, when I was in France,
Young gentlemen would be as sad as night,
Only for wantonness."* —KING JOHN.

The burden of all Freshmen. Sweet is their spring,
As rain and wind among the tender trees,
Taking no thought of sorrows gathering,
Till they stand in a mist of miseries.
The haze of Autumn shall come upon all these,
They shall be clothed with grief as their attire ;
Them the woe of Ixion's vault shall seize ;
This is the end of every man's desire.

The burden of the Sophomore. Woe is me,
The hours fly out beyond the reach of hands,
And nought is won from them before they flee,
Save weeds that summer scatters in waste lands,
Where no seed is, nor any garner stands !
And ever, through many a misty wreath and spire
Woven of smoke, Time's glass lets fall the sands ;
This is the end of every man's desire.

The burden of fair maidens. Let us go,
Let us go hence, my songs she will not hear ;
Let us rise up and part now, lest they know ;
Lest the *Recluses* know, hath she great fear.
Yea, though we sang as angels in her ear,
Unto her love we may not now come nigher,—
And all the world is bitter as a tear ;
This is the end of every man's desire.

The burden of the Junior. In Autumn days
He smoketh and sedately drinketh beer,
And Dignity goeth with him in all his ways,
Seeming at all his words to say "Hear ! Hear !"
Yet doth his world-worn wisdom lose its cheer,
And all for love to rhyme he doth aspire,
And all for love he turneth sonneteer ;
This is the end of every man's desire.

The burden of much Swinburne. Woe ! legone,
With fleshly fever and amorous malady,
Of wind-tossed hair, "sweet faced, wild eyed and wan"—
He raveth in his sonnet melodiously ;
Of clinging, thrilling kisses raveth he,
Of soft, sweet eye-lids tremulous like fire ;
He sends his sonnet to the VARSITY,—
This is the end of every man's desire.

The burden of being a Senior. Thou shalt fear
Waking, and sleeping mourn upon thy bed ;
For thou shalt feel, as the Exams. draw near,
Thy fourth year work as coals upon thy head.
With weary days shalt thou be clothed and fed ;
Translations shall be read to thee for hire,

Till thou cry out "Would God that I were dead !"
This is the end of every man's desire.

L'ENVOY.

Princes, and ye whom my ballad wearieeth,
Here shall I make an end, before ye tire ;
For life is short—and after life is death.
This is the end of every man's desire.

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MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the above Society was held on Tuesday night. The President, J. M. Clark, occupied the chair. After the ordinary routine business a lengthy discussion ensued on the report of the committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the advisability of conferring a medal for a paper written by an undergraduate in the Faculty of Arts, on any mathematical or physical subject ; that it be awarded annually, commencing with the present year. After some slight changes, the report was adopted, and arrangements will be made at the next meeting for the appointment of examiners.

Mr. S. A. Henderson, B.A., then read a very interesting paper on the summation of many frequently-occurring and difficult trigonometrical series. By an ingenious method he reduced these series to general forms.

Mr. L. H. Bowerman performed a number of experiments with the radiometer, explaining the molecular action of gases.

After which Messrs. Martin, Henderson, and the President solved some very difficult problems which had been handed to the Secretary.

At the next meeting of the Society Mr. Bowerman will read a paper on "Reasons why a student should pursue the physical department in his fourth year." Mr. W. J. Loudon, B.A., will present some experiments.

HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

Last Tuesday having been chosen by the committee for the discussion of alterations in the constitution, the following changes were made :—No meeting is to exceed an hour and a half in length. Thirty minutes are to be allowed for the reading of papers. The hour of meeting is to be a quarter to five, not four o'clock as formerly. The membership fee is to be seventy-five cents.

As it was understood that Henry George is going to lecture in Canada, but not in Toronto, the corresponding secretary was instructed to find out if it would be possible to get him to lecture here under the auspices of the association. After business, Messrs. J. A. Ferguson and A. H. Gibbard read papers on the Rise of Local Institutions in England, Mr. Ferguson dealing with their Saxon origin, Mr. Gibbard with the influence of the feudal system. The subject for next Tuesday's discussion is "Competition," papers by Messrs. Russell and McNamara.

It is to be hoped that the change in the hour of meeting will enable many Modern Language men to attend.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

We wish to remind readers of the VARSITY of the meeting of this Society in Moss Hall, next Monday afternoon, at four o'clock. Mrs. Browning's Life and Works are to form the subject of the meeting. Several brief essays will be read, and readings will be given by the members. Professor Hutton has kindly consented to preside, and the committee hopes the usual large attendance that favours their English meetings will be present.