

Poetry.

THE MIDNIGHT WISH OF A VERY CLASSICAL STUDENT.

O H! had we some bright little isle of our own,
 In a blue summer ocean far off and alone,
 Where no one Latinity ever had learned,
 Nor pages of Cicero wearily turned,
 Where the Satires and Odes
 Had never been found,
 But had gone to the abodes
 Deep under the ground;
 Where delivered from Horace and Virgil we'd live,
 And taste the best joys that sweet freedom can give.

Oh! what would be there, the bliss of our lot,
 If with Homer at Troy our last battle had fought;
 Nor cared if Prometheus had e'er been unbound,
 Or Telemachus his father ever had found;

Where Aristophanes clouds
 Never mystified brains,
 Nor the plague stricken crowds
 Who suffered such pains,

(As Thucydides in his history relates)
 Scarce worse than the pains of him who translates.

Oh! what dreams of delight and of freedom from woes,
 If we never again should have to do prose,
 Nor narration direct to indirect turn,
 Nor uses of *dum* and *priusquam* learn;

If consecutive *qui*,
 And *qui* final as well,
 And the clauses in *si*,

Whose face no one can tell,
 Should never invade to taint or defile
 With their dead musty rules our bright little isle.

Oh! is there a student so fond as to sigh
 At the loss of expressing emotion with *ei*,
 Or of telling the uses of *hos* and *hopos*,
 As they're found in the pages of Sidgewick's Greek Prose;

Of *ou me* and *me ou*,
 And that miserable *un*,

Hoios, *hosos*, *ho-ou*,
Epeide and *hotan*?

No! no! but with rapturous burst of delight
 We would hail the bright morn after classical night.

—T. M. D.

TO AN UNIMPRESSIONABLE YOUTH.

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Orlando, hast thou ne'er embraced
 The glorious "feminine"?
 Methinks thy life doth something lack
 Of essence all divine.

Hast thou ne'er known the blissful joys—

Ah! joys they are in sooth—
 That lurk beneath the mistletoe?
 What sayest thou good youth?

—TECHNITES (Master of Arts, Edin.)

Arts College.

Y. M. C. A.

O N Oct. 29th Mr. M. Henderson gave an interesting paper on "The New Life," Eph. iv. 22-24. He emphasized the necessity of building up a Christ-like character. This he said can only be done by knowing Christ, not only historically, but as our personal and living Saviour.

On Nov. 5, Principal Grant favored us with an address in which he outlined the students' life at college. "The main object of our college life," he said, "is to study. Now in order to have a healthy mind we must have a healthy body; therefore the necessity of taking plenty of exercise, fresh air, and wholesome food. Yet the student must guard against spending too much time at athletics, college organizations, his books, or in society, but rather strike 'The golden mean,' and not sacrifice one side of his nature for the development of the other."

YEAR MEETINGS.

'98.

The Senior Year met on Monday, Nov. 1st, for the transaction of business, the new president, J. F. Harvey, occupying the chair. In reply to a question regarding the statement made in the Arts Society concerning the voting at the year meeting of Oct. 18th, the president held that the voting was quite legal. Committees were appointed, one to interview city photographers about the class picture, and another to make a complete list of the members belonging to the year. The Senate's notice regarding academic caps was discussed. It was pointed out that the notice did not say that academic caps "must be worn" in the college, but that "none other than academic caps be worn," or, in plain language, the Senate requests that the student's head be uncovered while in the college. At the year meeting on Monday next, the Arts candidate for the presidency of the Alma Mater Society will be named.

'99.

A meeting of the Junior Year was held on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, at 5 p.m. The report of the Programme committee was presented by Miss Millions. Speeches were made by the president and the other newly-elected officers. After Mr. Dempster, the critic, had given his report the meeting adjourned.

'00.

The year of 1900 held its regular meeting on the 4th inst. Mr. J. S. Shortt, M.A., of the JOURNAL staff, was a visitor and laid the claims of the college paper before the year. It is desirable that in two ways all of '00 should be loyal to this encyclopædia