

McLay's special preparation of two years abroad indicates the spirit in which he will come to his duties. Mr. H. N. Shaw's appointment as Lecturer in Elocution, is a guarantee that this subject will not be cared for less efficiently than during the past two years.

EXCHANGE NOTES.

ITS VERA WEEL.

It's vera weel, throughoot the day
When ta'en up wi' wark or play,
To think a man can live alway
Wi'oot a wifey.

It's vera weel when claes are new,
To think they'll always last just so,
And look as well as they do noo,
Wi'oot a wifey.

But when the holes begin to show,
The stitches rip, the buttons go,
What in the war's a man to do
Wi'oot a wifey?

It's vera weel when skies are clear,
When frien's are true and lassies dear,
To think ye'll gang through life, nae fear,
Wi'oot a wifey.

But clouds will come the skies athwart,
Lassies will marry, frien's maun part;
What then can cheer your saddened heart
A dear wee wifey.

It's vera weel when young and hale,
But when ye're auld and crazed and frail,
And your blithe spirits 'gin to fail,
Ye'll want a wifey.

But mayhap, then, the lassies dear,
Will treat your offers wi' a sneer;
Because ye're cranky, gray and sere,
Ye'll get nae wifey.

Then haste ye, haste, ye silly loon,
Rise up an' seek about the toon,
And get heaven's greatest earthly boon,
A wee bit wifey.

—WALLACE DUNBAR.

THE following excerpts are from "Egypt's Influence upon History," by "C," in the "Bema" of Union Baptist Seminary:

For many centuries Egypt was regarded as the most renowned school for wisdom and learning in existence. To it resorted the men who, having learned of the wisdom of the Egyptians, returned to their own countries and became the philosophers of the world. Homer, Plato, Pythagoras, Euclid, studied in Egypt, and through knowledge gained there were able to produce works which have seldom, if ever, been surpassed. When the Greek legislators, Lycurgus, Solon, etc., were contemplating the formation of new regimes, they travelled in