

On returning to Yale we were as usual very busy until school began again on the 20th.

FEBRUARY.—The snow was very deep, and the frost pretty sharp. Mrs. Underhill and four of her little ones spent a couple of weeks with us. For the entertainment of our guest we attempted a very ambitious operetta, "The Bells of Corneville," and, in spite of the hurried manner in which it was got up, it went off very well. Mrs. Underhill, Miss Hart, and Sister Alice took the children singly or in groups to practise their songs and choruses. The music of the piece is difficult because of its unusual compass, and if our little girls' "top notes" were not all one could desire still the general effect was very pleasing.

Miss Moody managed the orchestra, and piano, organ, violin, drum, triangles, tambourine and seven bells produced together an agreeable harmony of sounds. Miss Shibley undertook as usual the arduous duties of stage manager and costumer.

When the moon was full invitations to a "winter picnic" were sent out to both schools, but for different dates.

A huge bon-fire was prepared in the playing fields, and lighted at about 7 o'clock in the evening, then galtered and short-skirted (very short-skirted indeed) the family from the Canadian School appeared, and, chaperoned by a few elders took their way through the deep snow to the field. Seats had been provided round the bon-fire and from that point of warmth and comfort we were able to watch the young ones tramp away to the higher ground, from whence they came coasting down, sometimes singly, sometimes in sociable parties on "bob-sleighs." There were stumps in the way, and, when the steering was managed by an inexperienced hand, into these stumps the coasters went, and were tumbled over into the snow in merry confusion. The fun went on till 9 o'clock, then a supper of steaming hot cocoa, brown bread and butter, and ruddy russet apples provided a homely but satisfying meal for the children, which was partaken of before trudging home to bed.

The following evening the Indian School enjoyed a similar picnic.

(N. B.—We afterwards learnt that friends at a distance were informed that "the Sister Superior had had a SLAYING party in the field."—Editor.)

MARCH.—Lent began so early that this month was almost entirely given up to work and prayer.

We feel very much indebted to the clergy who so kindly came up to take our weekly chapel services during this solemn season.