

by one chosen at the previous meeting, and is generally on some scientific subject. Such a mixture of an olio as the above makes a very interesting and profitable evening. The essays, criticisms and speeches call largely on the native talent and will nurture "the gifts that are in us." It is our custom to have a debate each winter. We have had one evening this winter exclusively with Tennyson, and intend to have one soon with our own Whittier.

And this is the way we pass some of these long winter evenings at Coldstream. A laudable way it seems to me. I hope wherever the REVIEW goes it will excite us to more refinement in our pastimes and higher intellectual culture, and, as a means to an end, will establish an "Olio" in every neighborhood. As a bond of union between our societies, I would suggest that some one in each would send occasionally to the Y. F. R., which is their own paper, and they have a right to use it, reports and especially some of the best essays produced. Many a good influence dies through neglect that has accomplished only half its mission. Let us see to this then. I promise one occasionally from the Coldstream Olio. In closing, I wish you all a happy New Year and invite you to our Olio on New Year's Eve. We want to have a good, long programme and join the years together with the golden clasp of the Olio. E. M. Z.

Coldstream, 12, 29, '80.

NOTES FROM FARMINGTON.

Our monthly meeting was held on the 23rd with a smaller attendance than usual, but an unusual amount of business and a livelier interest in the same than I have known for a long time. The "greater wave from the spirit sea" is beginning to be felt. Before entering upon the business of the day, W. G. Barker appeared in a communication which seemed to bear the Divine stamp, being full of encouraging, liberal spirit. The propriety of changing from a monthly to an executive meeting was discussed at some length and with much spirit. No decision being reached, the matter was laid by till next month for further consideration.

S. P. Gardner was debarred from attendance by a call to attend a funeral near Lake George. On his return reported a very good meeting, also excellent sleighing, of which we have as yet had none in this vicinity.

Harriet A. Bradbury, of South Farmington, has been confined to her home for about six weeks from the effects of a fall, but is thought to be on the road to recovery.

Mercy E. Fritts, of Macedon, has gone to visit friends in Lobo, Canada, till after half-year meeting. H. A. C.

Though I am no poet, I have dreams sometimes: I dreamed I was at a child's May-day party, in which every means of entertainment had been provided for them by a wise and kind host. It was in a stately house, with beautiful gardens attached to it, and the children had been set free in the rooms and gardens, with no care whatever but how to pass their afternoon rejoicingly. They did not, indeed, know much about what was to happen next day, and some of them, I thought, were a little frightened because there was a chance of their being sent to a new school where there were examinations; but they kept the thoughts of that out of their heads as well as they could, and resolved to enjoy themselves. The house, I said, was in a beautiful garden, and in the garden were all kinds of flowers; sweet, grassy banks for rest; and smooth lawns for play; and pleasant streams and woods, and rocky places for climbing. And the children were happy for a little while, but presently they separated themselves into parties, and then each party declared it would have a piece of garden for its own, and that none of the others should have anything to do with that piece. Next they quarrelled violently which pieces they should have; and at last the boys took up the thing, as boys should do, "practically," and fought in the flower-beds till there was hardly a flower left standing; then they trampled down each other's bits of garden out of spite, and the girls cried till they could cry no more, and so they all lay down at last breathless in the ruin and waited for the time when they were to be taken