

## THE VARSITY.

## KEEP A-GOIN'!

If you strike a thorn or rose,  
Keep a-goin'!  
If it hails or if it snows,  
Keep a-goin'!  
'Taint no use to sit and whine  
When the fish ain't on your line;  
Bait your hook and keep on tryin',  
Keep a-goin'!

When the weather kills your crop,  
Keep a-goin'!  
When you tumble from the top,  
Keep a-goin'!  
S'pose you're out o' every dime,  
Gettin' broke aint any crime;  
Tell the world you're feelin' prime,  
Keep a-goin'!

When it looks like all is up,  
Keep a-goin'!  
Drain the sweetness from the cup,  
Keep a-goin'!  
See the wild birds on the wing,  
Hear the bells that sweetly ring,  
When you feel like sighin'—sing,  
Keep a-goin'!

ANONYMOUS.

## WHY HE SAW DICKENS.

The first appearance of Charles Dickens on his reading tour through America was in Boston, on Monday, December 2, 1867. The demand for tickets was enormous. A crowd assembled in Tremont street on the night preceding the sale, such as had never been seen before on an occasion of the kind. By eight o'clock in the morning the throng was nearly half a mile long. When the crowd was densest and humor at its height, a calm stranger, evidently from parts unknown, appeared, and animated by a sentiment of curiosity, he queried:

"'Taint election times down here, is it?"

"Oh, no! We're buying tickets, sir."

"Buying tickets? for what?"

"For Dickens' readings."

"Dickens! Who the devil is Dickens?"

"Why, don't you know? the great novelist."

"Never heard of him in all me born days; but if there is any critter on airth that can keep such a crowd together with the mercury away down out of sight, I must see him."

Whereupon he took his place in the line and enthusiastically proposed three cheers for Dickens.—From "*Select Stories*" by W. C. S., '97.

## HERE AND THERE.

G. W. K. Noble, '97, is going to work this year.

J. M. Nicol, '97, paid a flying visit to London last week.

Miss B. H. Mills, '97, is teaching in the junior department of the Normal School.

W. H. Wood, '96, ex-curator of the Literary Society, is ill of typhoid in the General Hospital.

An echo has reached us from southern Pennsylvania proclaiming the whereabouts of the lady-graduates of '96. Miss M. L. Graham is at Bryn Mahr College; Misses J. A. White and Laird are teaching in Aurora and Whitby, respectively, and Miss Tucker is doing likewise at Menomenee, Michigan. At Pedagogy are Misses Ackerman, Bonis, Combe, Duncan, Fortune, Lafferty, Millar, McNeely, Neelands, Perrin and Watt. Misses Edgar, Riddell and Rutherford are luxuriating at home.

## ANOTHER ONE OF THEM.

One day a tailor called on an author with his little bill. The man of letters was in bed, as men of letters sometimes are, even a long time after daybreak. "You've brought your account, have you?" asked the author.

"Yes, sir; I sadly want some money."

"Open my secretaire," said the recumbent one. "You see that drawer?"

The tailor opened one, expecting to find it full of cash.

"No, not that one, the other."

The tailor opened the second, which, like the first, was full of emptiness. The tailor opened another one.

"What do you see there?" asked the debtor.

"Papers—lots of them," rejoined Snip.

"Ah, yes. That's right. They're little bills. Put yours in with them. Goodbye." Then he turned round again and slept.—*Tit Bits*.

"Really, Mr. Graduate," said the broker to his new clerk, a this-year graduate of Yale. "I am very sorry, but after Saturday I shall have to dispense with your services. I of course admire your enthusiasm, but I really can't stand having you giving your college yell every time the market rises a few points."—*Harper's Bazar*.



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