

PUBLIC ENEMIES.

IN our last issue the editor for Arts paid his compliments to the thieves who have plied their trade in the college reading room. Despite his complimentary references, this light-fingered gentry have continued their endeavours by making a "clean sweep up" of all the loose magazines. In the language of the public press "it is time for a change," and the JOURNAL invites its readers to assist the curators in suppressing this nuisance. All thieves are public enemies and the roost-robbing propensities of the individuals who steal our magazines should receive a timely check. Queen's is by no means helpless in this matter, and fair warning is given that she can and will get on without these petty pilferers. Those who abet the thieves are as much public enemies as the thieves themselves, and will be treated accordingly.

Personals.

A LETTER that helps the staff to put another roll in its sleeve comes from Rev. R. Burton, M.A., of Little Current. We did our utmost to discover a few grains of cake in the envelope, but we were doomed to disappointment. We have held the letter over our lamp but no odour of fragrant wine is forthcoming. "Bob" is one of the JOURNAL's best friends but these omissions on his part are well-nigh unpardonable. We await his explanations. "Queen's," he writes, "has given us a good start if we are only ready to follow it up."

S. A. Mitchell, M.A., 1894, and Ph.D. of Johns Hopkins, now assistant professor in Columbia University, has been invited by the Naval Observatory of the United States to go to Sumatra, to observe the solar eclipse which occurs on May 18th, and which has a duration of between six and seven minutes, being therefore one of the longest eclipses of the last hundred years. The observations will nearly all be spectroscopic, and the most powerful instruments ever used on an eclipse will be employed. Valuable results are expected.

It is a great honour to be invited to go on

such a government expedition, and Dr. Mitchell writes, "it would not have come to me but for the excellent training I had at Queen's." The trustees of Columbia have given him leave of absence and appointed a substitute to do his work during his absence.

Some of Prof. Macgillivray's honour students are preparing a German play entitled "Die Herrschaft." Several rehearsals have already taken place, and the play will probably be presented in the early future.

We are glad to see Mr. T. K. Scott around once more. Though not yet able to resume his classes, Scottie has wonderfully improved. We live in hopes that a few weeks will find him completely restored.

Exchanges.

AN American lady journalist says that Miss Clara Butt, the English vocalist, is "a demi-goddess canonically symmetered, and her eyes are full of dreams as her voice is dewy with tears. Her eyes are a Sybil's eyes, and her lips, as Theokritos would say, have nibbled Ægilian figs, and for the mysticism of their pathos, asphodel!"

We invite our fellow-students of English, French, German, Italian, Hebrew, Latin or Greek to decide which language this lady supposes she is writing. A prize will be given to any one who will answer this question correctly, provided that to the answer is appended a statement of how much knowledge of Theokritos is requisite for this style of writing, and how such writers may be canonically or uncanonically scimitared.

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