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The invitation with the expressed wish of his heart, "Some day we'll wander back again," caused the tears to gather in his eyes again," caused the tears to gather in his eyes like the mists that hung over the valleys of his boyhood home. The sight of that long forgotten writing brought back all the fierce flame of love so long latent, but now lambent. "Of course, it couldn't be her handwriting, she had undoubtedly married twenty years ago when he had wandered away from the peaceful valley, a poor boy seeking to look up and over the mountains to the great fortune-teeming West. But the writing was strangely like a school girl s love letter which lay yellow in the desk beside him.

When fortune came he had written back to the merry-eyed girl who waved him fare-

to the merry-eyed girl who waved him farewell, but no answer came, and the merchant prince had lived alone with his love for his New England sweetheart, now but a lingering memory. But it was not a memory. Had she too received a similar invitation, and would she wander back again to the dear hills, or was she dead or buried in the life of the great world that swent on unrelentlessly? the great world that swept on unrelentlessly? The merchant was a prosaic man then and he was yet, but the thought seized him and as he sat in his lonely chair at the club that night, his thoughts went wool-gathering, and as he looked into the glowing embers the

as he looked into the glowing embers the past came to him in pleasant visions.

He seemed to stand again on the dew-kissed sward, by the path that led from the foothills up to the old berry patch. Above, the tow heads of the school boys and the sunbonnets of the girls bobbed merrily in the vines, while he waited for the dark-eyed girl who reached out her hand to him in confidence. As they stood together they looked fidence. As they stood together they looked away across the valley which seemed so large to them then, although but a few miles intervened between them and the dark hole

intervened between them and the dark hole in the opposite cliff, through which the icy cold river burst in a gurgling stream.

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And then the scene changed. The sound of sleigh bells beat on the frosty air, and a white mantle covered the old hills. The ride to the old spelling school along the highway was taken again in memory.

The hard deal benches, the great glowing atove, and the red frocked little girl who "spelled him down," all stood out clear in the glowing embers. Yes, he would go down to the re-union, and as he threw away his cigar and walked out of the club some of the younger men wondered what made old J. look so young that night.

When he arrived at the little village through which a great railroad dragged its screeching trains he got off a little uncertain, but recovered himself when the gray-haired stage driver said "hello John," in the most familiar manner, just as if he had not seen him last, twenty years ago. The old man told him all the changes in the little valley, as he drove him up the old familiar road to the great village hall where the re-union was being held. To his surprise the hall was built on the old berry patch. He entered the hall. It is needless to tell of the warm handgrasps and the reminiscencee, but something yet was lacking. At the noon hour the bankers, the business men, the something yet was lacking. At the noon hour the bankers, the business men, the comely matrons who "had wandered back again." picnicked on the green sward. In the confusion the Western manufacturer felt asked him if he would dine at her table. He turned, and there stood before him the black-eyed little girl grown to woman-

"Why, Alice," but the greetings can be imagined. A half an hour later as he sat by her side and heard the story of twenty years of the lives and deaths, the births and marriages of his boyhood companions he remembered that he had not yet asked her anything about herself. So happy had he been in her presence, so forgetful of the past, that he did not know that she had lived her lonely life in those green clad hills within the sound of the rushing river. So with the embarrassment of a fifteen-year old boy he

"And you, are you—married yet, Alice ?"

And the great liquid brown eyes turned up to him as they did once in girlish confi-

dence, and the anwer was, No, John, I have been waiting for D. A. C. you."

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## KNOX "AT HOME."

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It was a wise move that the Knox College students made when they decided to hold their annual social function during the fall instead of the spring term. This was made manifest by the jolly time enjoyed by those who had the good fortune to be present at the At-Home held Friday evening. In more respects than that of time was the affair an innovation and the innovation, and the Knox men showed them-selves to be the most generous of hosts, for selves to be the most generous of hosts, for their guests were entertained without money and without price. When it was decided some weeks ago by the Literary and Theological Society that an At-Home would be held in place of the usual "Conversat," a good many students wondered what the difference was between the two.

They learned Friday night. The difference is \$1.50. One pays that price to escort his best girl to a "Conversat," but at the same function, disguised under another name, it costs nothing. Perhaps this was the

same function, disguised under another name, it costs nothing. Perhaps this was the reason why there was such a large attendance, but it is more probable that the reputation of the Knox men for hospitality stood them in good stead on this occasion. At any rate every one present enjoyed his or herself. The interior of the picturesque old edifice was literally covered with gay bunting and festoons of many-colored flags, while amid the bright colors, the colors of Knox stood out prominently. The different rendezvous were daintly draped and afforded an excellent place to snatch an all-too-short interview with a pretty girl, freed for the moment from with a pretty girl, freed for the moment from the watchful eyes of her chaperone. A tasteful little programme showed the guests the arrangements that had been made for their

entertainment. It was as follows:
Chorus, Knox College Glee Club; song,
Mr. W. J. Knox; duett, Miss Grant and Mr. Gorrie; solo, cornet, Bert Plant; song, Miss Lilli Kleiser; Scotch ballad, Mr. Alex. Gorrie; Descriptive Glee, Knox College Glee Club; song, Miss Janet Grant; duett, Miss Kleiser and Mr. Knox; song, Mr. Gorrie; male quartet, Messrs. Gorrie, Murray, Knox and Anderson, (a) The Faded Violet, (b)

### The Lord Chief Justice of England Gives His Opinion.

In a recent issue of Youth's Companion the strangely out of place until a tall comely Lord Chief Justice of England, better known woman, still beautiful, came up to him and in this country as Sir Charles Russell, the great advocate discusses the subject of "The Bar as a Profession," giving his views as to preparation and as to the qualities essential to success. We give below an epitome of his paper.

Originally the bar was recruited from the aristocracy and well educated because of the prejudice against trade and because somewhat of the conceit of learning. The opportunities to wealth which trade now offers have somewhaat removed this prejudice however, for the bar does not offer the same opportunities. It promises only distinctions and adequate means for those who bring to its pursuit the necessary qualities of mind and character. That talent which shows itself in smartness and facility of speech does not so surely as of old destine a youth for the bar. Glibness of speech is no guarantee of success in the practice of the law. Facility of speech is not capacity to speak. A man may have nothing to say and say it with grace and ease, but the Lord Chief Justice observes that he has never known any man who had something to say which was worth saying who, whatever his difficulties of utterance or natural poverty of language may have been, has not been able to say that something forcibly and well. "Clearness, force and earnestness are the qualities which produce conviction." In this connection it is interesting to observe that one who was considered, while at the bar, such a master of eloquence sets so little store by the quality in others. It is the unfit men who fail, he says. A man with suitable natural gifts, accompanied by industrious patience, he has never known, who did not in time have his oppor-

known, who did not in time have his opportunity at the Bar and his success.

The considerations which ought to determine the choice of the Bar as a profession, the Lord Chief Justice enumerates as follows:

I. The love of the profession for its own sake, so that the aspirant may bear up during the necessary years of watching and waiting until his opportunity comes. Success, he says, is rarely and still more rarely safely,

reached at a bound. II. Physical health and energy, for the pursuit of the profession of the law involves long hours of close confinement, often under unhealthy conditions. He has known only two men of weak physique who achieved marked success, namely the late Sir George Mellish and the late Lord Cairns. III. Clear-headed common sense added to competent legal knowledge. This he places far above grace of imagination, humor, subtlety even commanding power of humor, subtlety even commanding power of expression, although these have their due value. But this is essentially a business, a practical age. IV. The ability to wait. As said above, success rarely comes at once, and his lordship thinks the youthful wearer and his lordship thinks the youthful wearer of the forensic toga may consider himself fairly lucky if, after three or four years at the Bar, he is making enough to keep body and soul decently together. "But," he says, "I do not desire to take too gloomy a view. If a man really has the love of his work in his heart, and has the spirit of a worthy ambition within him, he will find it possible to live on little during his years of waiting and bition within him, he will find it possible to live on little during his years of waiting and watching, and will find it possible to acquire that little by the exercise in some direction of his energy and ability." In this connection he speaks of dining in frugal fashion, when a struggling junior of four years' standing as the guest of two able young barristers, who were almost in the depths of despair, one of whom was considering the question of migration to the Straits Settlements. and the other was thinking of going to the Indian Bar. But they finally concluded to fight it out, and one of them became Lord Herschell, twice Lord Chancellor of England, and the other was Mr. William C. Gully, Q.C., now Speaker of the House of Commons. If the Speaker of the House of Commons. If the young aspirant for the Bar has the qualities above enumerated, success is, humanly speak-

ing, certain.

In taking up the subject of the necessary preparation for the Bar, he says, "In considering the character of such preparation, regard ought to be had to the legitimate outcome of success, viz., a career in Parliament and on the Bench." He mentions, first, a university training and a university degree, but as a word of warning so that his meaning may not be misunderstood, he says: "A university career is not an end, but a means only to an end." It is not the battle of life, but only the equipment for it. The profession of the law has one peculiarity in which it differs from all others, viz., That there is no such thing as knowledge which is useless in this profession. The lawyer cannot know either too much or too many things. So much as to general knowledge. As to the special training for the Bar, which usually begins when the university career ends, he speaks of the law schools, and then says: "But the real work of education in law, as, indeed, in may not be misunderstood, he says: "A of the law schools, and then says: "But the real work of education in law, as, indeed, in other fields of knowledge, is the work of self-education pursued conscientiously and laboriously by the man who endeavors to get at the principles of the law, and who does not content himself merely with skimming the surface." He suggests a short clerkship in a lawyer s office for the experience before entering upon active practice. As a special subject of reading for the Bar, Lord Russell recommends the "Corpus Juris Civilis," or the body of the Civil or Roman law, for, as he says, a great body of our law finds its source in the Roman law, and in the "Corpus Juris" the law is presented systematized in a Juris" the law is presented systematized in a way for which our English law has no parallel.

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