

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

Two very interesting essays were read before the Modern Language Club at their meeting last Monday, one a "Comparison of Chateaubriand and Loti," by Miss E. M. Fleming, '00, and the other a "Comparison of 18th Century French Poets with those of the 19th Century," by Mr. W. Elmslie, '00. The essays contained not only the substantial matter necessary to make them instructive, but also considerable dry humor.

OSGOODE-TRINITY DEBATE.

One of the best debates of the season was held Friday evening at Osgoode. Messrs. Rowland, B.A., and D. F. Owen, sometime Varsity men, especially distinguished themselves. The dance afterwards was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Theo. Hunt's discussion on "Is a lawyer justified in defending a man whom he knows to be wrong?" answered affirmatively, was logical and pointed.

IONE MARCH.

By S. R. CROCKETT, author of "The Men of the Moss Hags," "The Red Axe," etc. Illustrated. Paper, 75 cents; Cloth, \$1.50. THE COPP, CLARK COMPANY, LIMITED.

Mr. Crockett's versatility is certainly marvellous. Last year he surprised those who thought his art was confined to the kail-yard by writing that capital romance of mediæval Europe, "The Red Axe," and now he comes out with a bright, crisp, up-to-date story of the modern American girl which is simply charming.

Ione March is a strong character. The daughter of a famous American Governor, she has been educated in a European convent, and so combines the energy, independence and adaptability of the American with a dignified refinement which is very pleasing; while her sweet womanliness is only brought out more strongly by her struggles with the world in the effort to earn a living for herself. The plot is well constructed and well carried out. There are also some splendid specimens of English manhood, and a "mean American," who, though playing an important part, does not appear often. But the life of the story is Idalia Judd, the typical American girl, who talks like a streak in the most delightfully expressive "American." She was a very "engaging" young lady, and her frank account of her experiences is most instructive. A trip "across the pond" gave her ample time to bring matters to a climax, and she had even been known to become engaged on a train, "and do you know it's rather nice, though hurried in parts, and you have to cut a good deal of the best dialogue. Yes, siree; you have to make them go the pace. It was with a man named Kenneth Early that I tried it first, when father and I were going straight across lots to San Francisco without stopping. All through the Prairie States he told me how he loved me, and you just believe it passed the time; you can't think. But alas! love's sleepers are no smoother than elsewhere on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul's; we quarrelled on the platform at Salt Lake, all because he would go mousing after a pretty little Mormoness, pretending all the while he was only posting a letter. Now, unfaithfulness is the one thing I can't stand, and I told him so."

"I didn't ask you to love me long, Kenneth," I said to him, "only to attend strictly to business while you were about it."

"However, he was so heart-broken that I forgave him just before we got to Digger City, and at Sacramento I said I'd be his new-found sister, but he said he wasn't annexing any more sisters, and so we parted forever."

THE COLLEGE GIRL

On Saturday afternoon at three o'clock there is to be a lecture delivered in the Chemical Building on "The Boers and the War in South Africa," by Captain John Ross, who lately served in H. M. Border Regiment. The lecture is under the auspices of the Alumnae Association of the University, which is making praiseworthy efforts to further the cause of the Women's Residence Association, for whose benefit this lecture is being given. Although those especially in sympathy with this latter association will perhaps be most interested, the subject is one of general interest, and as Captain Ross, I understand, spent five years in South Africa, he will without doubt be able to give a clear picture of the manners and customs of our opponents in this war. The tickets are at a very reasonable price and it is fair to expect that the College Girls especially, for whose interest and comfort the committee is working so hard, should show their appreciation by being present.

Last Friday evening witnessed one of the pleasantest of the social gatherings of the fall term at Osgoode, when representatives from Trinity and Osgoode debated on the popular question of Imperial Federation. Besides those who formerly adorned the lecture rooms at Varsity, and who are now in attendance at the law school, there was a goodly number of Varsity undergraduates among the guests. The Convocation hall was gaily decorated with flags, and the impromptu dance which followed the programme was not the least enjoyable feature of the evening. The enjoyment was greatly augmented by the floor not being overcrowded. Glionna's music and hosts of pretty girls and good dancers present.

There are a few girls who are so unfortunate as to be under the necessity of bringing their lunch to college every day. It seems to me that, in the event of a favorable decision of the council on the new dining-hall scheme, if provision were made for them as well as for others, a problem that has this year been facing the committee of the Lunch Room would be solved, and they would be very grateful for the solution.

The Ladies' Glee Club concert is to be held on December 13th. Particulars will be given next week.

Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. Baldwin, returned missionary from Japan, was present with the Association at its missionary meeting, last Tuesday. Her story of Japan, its people, their customs, and above all, their great need of Christianity, was interesting and inspiring. One of our girls in Japanese costume was a pretty illustration of the native ladies' dress.

There are now in Japan 575 daily and weekly newspapers, 35 law-magazines, 111 scientific periodicals, 35 medical journals and 35 religious newspapers.

In Vassar Y. W. C. A. the by-laws read as follows:

1. The Association shall hold a social reception for new students within the first three weeks of the college year.
2. A meeting of the Association shall be held on the second Sunday evening of each month, when an address shall be given on some branch of philanthropic work.
3. Devotional meetings shall be held every Thursday evening. One of these meetings each month shall be devoted to the subject of Missions.
4. Frequent meetings shall be held for the study of philanthropic work.