

GENERAL COLLEGE NOTES.

The list recently published of candidates who obtained honors at the last examination of the University of London makes it possible to estimate the progress made by women since the means of higher education in the arts and sciences, as well as languages, were thrown open to them. From this list it appears that no woman took honors in anatomy, materia medica, chemistry, or physiology. Two women took honors in the English language. In Latin, one woman's name heads the second class, and two others are in the third. In French and German the women more than hold their own, one being first in the first division, and five others appearing in the third class. A woman also heads the list in German; and women took honors in inorganic chemistry, experimental physics, and botany. We attach no importance to the conclusion that has been drawn from these figures with regard to women's inability to succeed in science. The fact probably is that they succeeded best in those subjects in which they had best facilities for thorough instruction.

Dr. McCosh speaks out boldly in a letter to the *New York Times* on the duty of colleges, through their students and professors, throwing their influence on the side of civil service reforms in American politics.

We are requested to publish the following: 'The hour of practice for the Glee Club and for the Second Year German being the same, many of the Second Year men are in consequence unable to join the Glee Club who are wishful to do so. Would it not be to the benefit of the Glee Club to have their practices at an hour when there are no lectures? This should be attended to without a moment's delay.'

Spain has 28,117 elementary schools, and instructs 1,410,476 pupils.

One hundred guineas for the best Essay in English on the following subject, viz.: 'The Heathen World; Its Need of the Gospel, and the Church's Obligation to Supply It.' The Essay should contain not less than 200 pages of 300 words on a page, and not more than 250 pages of 300 words. The competition for the prize shall be open to any person residing in the Dominion of Canada, or Island of Newfoundland. The time for receiving such Essays shall expire at noon on the 15th of July, 1883. For further particulars apply to Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., Toronto.

The University of Vienna has 4,823 students.

Another conclusive evidence of the fact that wherever U. C. C. boys find themselves they invariably reach the high-water mark, is afforded by doings and sayings at the recent convocation of University College. Messrs. Creelman, Davis, Bowes, Young, and several other old College boys distinguished themselves. *Mr. E. P. Davis was especially singled out by Prof. Wilson, who characterized him, in the highest laudatory terms, as a prodigy.*—*College Times*. The italics are ours. No public acknowledgment has been made of Mr. Davis' powers; far from it. We are sorry for it; Mr. Davis accomplished in the class-lists here what was never accomplished before, and probably never will be again. At the same time he was public-spirited beyond all others, and by his energy and organizing powers, instituted clubs and societies that are now yielding good fruit in many directions. He was the most popular man in the University. The *Times* is out too in claiming W. F. W. Creelman as a U. C. College boy.

FIVE O'CLOCK TEA.

'Through the daisy petals
Runneth a gay French song;
Daisies in the grasses
Sing it the summer long;
Through thy life, my darling,
Runneth its secret true,
Learn it from the daisies
"Il m'aime, il m'aime beaucoup."'

Apropos of higher education for women: Milton was asked if he intended to instruct his daughter in the different languages; to which he replied: 'No, sir; one tongue is sufficient for a woman.'

IS IT A SEQUITUR? 'Mary says you can't come to see her any more,' said a boy to his sister's admirer. 'Why not?' 'Because you come to see her every evening now, and how could you come any more?'

'YE BLOOMING FRESHMEN': A Freshman wants to know if he can contribute to his support by teaching in the University.

Quoted for our poets:

'Here is a sketch,' said the poet
Unto the editor gay,
'That I tossed me off in an idle hour,
To pass the time away.'
'Here is a club,' was the answer,
In a bland and smiling way,
'With which I frequently toss me off
Six poets in a day.'

Apropos of the departure of 'our fleet,' the *Charybdis*: Mark Twain remarks that all we need to possess the finest navy in the world is ships—for we have plenty of water.

How too!! Æsthetic young lady: 'By the way, Mr. Gossoftly, have you read Bascom's "Science of Mind?"' 'N-n-a-w. I'm not reading much nowadays. I pass my time in original thought.' Æsthetic young lady (with sympathy): 'How very dreary, to be sure.'

ARBOREAL.

When Gladstone seeks relief from cares of state,
Some monarch of the forest meets his fate,
The Premier loves to show a woodman's skill,
Tall oaks succumb according to his will.
Whereby an ancient proverb comes to mind,
'Just as that Whig is bent the tree's inclined.'
(Five minutes for reflection.)

EXPLANATION.

The joke is on 'that Whig'—the twig—you see,
You ought to tumble quicker than a tree.

OUR POLITICIAN.

We stood at the bars as the sun went down
Behind the hills on a summer day;
Her eyes were tender and big and brown,
Her breath as sweet as the new-mown hay.

Far from the west the faint sunshine
Glanced sparkling off her golden hair.
Those calm, deep eyes were turned towards mine,
And a look of contentment rested there.

I see her bathed in the sunlight flood,
I see her standing peacefully now;
Peacefully standing and chewing her cud,
As I rubbed her ears—that Jersey cow.

Some ladies and gentlemen were visiting the Library recently. Turning over the leaves of a massive tome blazoned with pictures of birds, they came across a beautifully colored plate representing the 'Hemlock Warbler.' Huron was so inopportune as to remark that the only hemlock warbler he had met in the forests was a cross-cut saw.

PHILOSOPHICAL DEFINITIONS, BY HERR BIERZLINGER.

A Optimisdt vas a veller dot haf blenty money to set oop der beer.

A Bessimisdt vas von ash don't got vive cents, und vas yust so dursty like der tuyvel.

A Sdoic vas a man vot don't gare auf he dook some beer or not.

A Epigurean vash bound to haf blendy beer, py gracious, all der vile; und auf he don't got der change, yust but him on der shlate.

A Cynig ish von of dem demberance vellers ash said beer don't been healdy, und got der gramps mit drinking colt vater, heh?

A Socialisdt vas a veller as dinks dot beer had ought to pe only dree cents a glass, und a zaloon-geeper mightdt vork for nix. Dot vos voolishness.

A Gommunist is a tam schoundrel vot says der beeples has a rightdt to all der lager dot dey could trink midout baying a cent. Potztandendmitdonneründblitzen! Br—r—r—r!!

OUR PHILOSOPHER.