

A DUTCH farmer recently said:—"Dot horse vos sick last night. I shtood ub mid him all night, oond ven he lay down den I sthand ub mid him, to."

MOTTOES FOR "THE EVENING TELEGRAM." *De rebus omnibus et quibusdam aliis.* "The truth, the whole truth and a little more than the truth."

'VARSITY MEN. Rev. O. G. Dobbs, M. A., of Kingston, last week cast off the bare brow of bachelorhood. Mr. F. P. Betts, B. A., brother of the bride, and Mr. W. N. Ponton, M. A., supported the groom through the not very trying ordeal. The epidemic of matrimony is abroad. Two other young university men are next month to prove that young ladies no longer believe in the popular fallacy—

"Where singleness is bliss, 'twere folly to be wives."

'VARSITY WOMEN Caroline E. Hastings has been appointed to the Chair of Anatomy at Boston University.

Miss TODD has lately obtained a fellowship in Johns Hopkins University.

THE GYMNASIUM. The meeting of undergraduates, called on Friday last to elect a committee to take charge of the new gymnasium, was well attended. Mr. Ruttan was called to the chair, and briefly laid before the meeting the position of affairs with regard to the gymnasium. He reported the result of the canvass of the committee elected last October, stating that about 145 dollars had been paid in to the committee by subscription from the undergraduates alone, and the whole of the 200 dollars necessary had been subscribed. The professors had also given liberally. The cost of fitting the gymnasium, exclusive of attendance, fuel, and light, would be about 350 dollars, and with the liberal grant from the Council, there would be in all about 450 dollars to meet the expenses of fitting and carrying on the gymnasium for the rest of the year. Mr. Colin Campbell was elected secretary of the meeting. Mr. Laidlaw moved, seconded by Mr. Baird, that a provisional committee be appointed to draw up a constitution. It was moved in amendment that the election of the committee of management be proceeded with at once. The amendment carried. It was then carried, on motion, that the committee of management should consist of: an Honorary President, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two members elected from each year. The following officers were then elected:—Professor Hutton, Honorary President; Messrs. R. F. Ruttan, President; W. Laidlaw, Vice-President; C. G. Campbell, Secretary; W. H. Blake, Treasurer. Committee: Messrs. J. McAndrews and E. W. H. Blake, of the fourth year; L. J. Clark and J. Cavan, of the third year; H. H. Campbell and E. Hughes, of the second year; E. Wigle and L. J. Smith, of the first year. The meeting then adjourned.

NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.—At the meeting on Thursday night Mr. Ruttan read a paper on "The effect of Forest Fires," in which he explained the successive races of vegetation resulting from the destruction of the primeval forest, and pointed out the effects of animal habitation in these forests. Mr. A. Y. Scott read a paper on the "Diseases of Plants caused by Parasitic Fungi," of which interesting illustrations were given in the form of microscopical specimens.

Peace, brother, be not over exquisite
To cast the fashion of uncertain evils;
For grant they be so, while they rest unknown,
Why need a man forestall his date of grief,
And run to meet what he would most avoid?
Or, if they be but false alarms of fear,
How bitter is such self-delusion!
I do not think my sister so to seek,
Or so unprincipled in virtue's book,
And the sweet peace that goodness bosoms ever,
As that the single want of light and noise,
(Not being in danger, as I trust she is not)
Could stir the constant mood of her calm thoughts,
And put them into misbecoming plight.

Milton, *Comus*.

Idem Grace redditum.

οὐ σὶγ' ἀνέξει, μηδὲ νῦν ἔσει λέγειν
λίαν ἀκριβὴς σχῆμα τῶν κρυπτῶν κακῶν;
εἰ μὲν γάρ ἐστι ταῦτ' ἀδιήλα παντελῶς,
τί δεῖ ποτ' ἀνδρα τῶνδε τῶν κακῶν χρόνον

προλαμβάνειν, ἢ πρὸς τὸδε σπεύδειν ποτε,
ὅπερ μάλιστα φυγγάνειν αἰεὶ θέλει.
εἰ δ' ἐστὶ μόνον ταῦτα τοῦ κενοῦ φόβου,
ὡς πικρὸν εἶσιν ἡπατημέναι φρένες.
οὐ δὴ νομίζω τὴν ἐμὴν ὁμαίμονα
φαυλὴν γεγῶσαν, ἢ τανῦν ὧδ' ἐνδεᾶ
ἀρετῆς ἐκείνης, καὶ φρενῶν εὐτολμίας,
ἥπερ μάλιστ' ἐν τοῖς καλοῖς εὐρίσκεται,
ὥστε σπάνιν φάους τε καὶ ψόφου μόνον,
ἣν μὴ προσῇ κίνδυνος, ὡς μηδεὶς μολοι,
κορῆς δύνασθαι συγκυκᾶν τὴν φροντίδα,
αὐτῇ τε δοῦναι δυσπρεπῆ ταραγμάτα.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

ALPHABETICAL ORDER IN CLASS LISTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE 'Varsity:

SIR, The fact that the 'Varsity has from its first issue been the exponent of University interests, and the knowledge that its columns are always open to those desirous of calling attention to any grievance, induces me to direct your notice to a resolution lately passed by the Senate of the University of Toronto by which they have decided to instruct the examiners in Arts, when drawing up the class-lists, to arrange the names of the pass men in alphabetical order.

Such a course cannot fail to affect injuriously the interests of the University, since it puts all pass undergraduates on the same unfair footing of equality, no matter whether they have done well or badly at their examinations, and bestows as much honor on the student who has barely escaped being "plucked" as it does on him who has devoted as much time and energy to the work as the average honor man.

The inevitable result of the resolution will be to encourage the idle in their idleness and to deter the diligent in their studies.

Two reasons only can have influenced the Senate in making such an enactment. They must have desired either to render the work of the examiners lighter, or to discourage students from taking the pass course. The former purpose would have been better accomplished by the appointment of additional examiners, who will, even as it is, soon have to be engaged on account of the increasing magnitude of their work; the latter end would have been easily attained by removing the pass course from the curriculum altogether.

Why should the names of those taking the pass course in medicine be published in order of merit, while those of the students in arts are arranged without distinction? Perhaps it may be that the Senate desire to make a discrimination in favor of the course in medicine. Their course at least seems to indicate this.

The members of the Senate ought also to know that it is of the utmost importance to many of the pass candidates to possess some record of their University standing, and that it is especially so to those who intend devoting themselves to the profession of teaching, and who have taken the pass course, either unwillingly through force of some adverse circumstances, or of their own accord because they consider it of greater practical utility than any of the honor departments.

For some time past it has been generally stated that it is the intention of the Senate to put down that class of men who waste most of their time, and who begin to study for their examinations a very short time before their commencement; the course taken by the Senate must, however, have the very opposite effect. The class of students referred to will display still greater want of diligence, undeserving men will obtain degrees, the value of University degrees will decrease in public estimation, and the attainments of all our graduates will be questioned whether they have pursued the pass or honor course.

PASS STUDENT IN ARTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *White and Blue*.

SIR, In the *White and Blue* a long-felt want has been removed. I trust the roll of subscribers has greatly increased, that the students are devoting a portion of their time to supply it with useful material, and that the graduates have seen it to be their duty to fall into rank and file. It is a common means by which they can hold communication with each other, and discuss many of those educational reforms so keenly contested at the present day, and none more so than those affecting Canadian Universities. Students soon become graduates, and graduates soon find their way into almost every education board in the country. Of how much importance it is then that they be fully alive to their duties. In the face of these facts it cannot be denied but that there has