

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

Remember Joshua Lemon, the old chap who died last year?
Well, Josh told me a story once, perhaps you'd like to hear;
I can't begin to give it in the slashing style he could,
But this is something like the way the circumstances stood.

Some forty years ago Josh lived in township Maccabee,
And there he worked at farming and at being school-trustee;
He worked, for school-trustees those days had sometimes work
to do,
They added to their duties those of tax-collector too.

One quarter-day, when Josh was out collecting Section Four,
He got two hundred dollars, or perhaps a trifle more—
He stowed the cash at evening in an antiquated sock,
And shut the doors and windows with his patent double lock.

A bull-dog slept within the house, whose enterprise was such
That Josh's dreams were not disturbed by fears of burglars much,
But towards the early morning he awakened with a start,
He thought he heard some noises down about the kitchen part.

He listened—and he heard a growl, and then a lively rush,
And then a window loudly bang, and then a sudden hush;
So hurrying on some garments better fit for daily wear,
He grasped his shot-gun in his hand and hurried down the stair.

Beside the kitchen window, on the floor, the bull-dog lay;
The window was quite closely shut and nothing was astray;
But gripped within the bull-dog's jaws he saw a funny thing,
Which proved to be—a circular piece of worsted trousering.

"Ah ha!" he cried, "I have a clue. I'll use it, you may bet,
I'll track that burglar through the place, and I'll convict him yet."
So off he went, 'twas four o'clock, when cutting through a field
He came soon after to a spring, and there a stranger kneeled.

The pattern of the stranger's pants was easily discerned,
His back was facing Joshua, and so, before he turned,
Our hero, creeping up to him, had raised his long-tailed coat—
The consequent discovery we do not need to note.

The burly farmer grabbed his man and marched him into town,
And left him in the station for the morning, to cool down.
He had him brought at two o'clock before a learned J.P.,
To answer to the serious charge of "Burglary, first degree."

The evidence of Josh required no aiding eloquence,
For what most able advocate could patch up a defence?
The circular exhibit seemed to exactly fit the case,
The learned Justice of the Peace gave judgment from his place:—

"I think you'll all agree with me, without you all are geese,
It's at least a piece of breeches, if it ain't a breach of peace,
And so the best thing I can do to show judicial sense,
Is, give the burglar sixty days,
To mend his pantaloons and ways,
And show we will convict on *Circumstantial Evidence*."

B. M. J.

UNIVERSITY SENATE.

At the meetings of the Senate during the past week some very important matters were decided. With respect to the petition of the lecturers in Latin, French, German, Spanish and Italian, the Government will be asked to take steps to give them representation on the College Council by amendatory legislation or by their appointment to professorships. After a review of the finances of the University a committee reported, recommending the following appointments: (1) A demonstrator in chemistry; (2) an additional fellow in modern languages; (3) an attendant for the department of mineralogy and geology; (4) the purchase of apparatus for the Department of Philosophy. This report was adopted.

Committees were appointed to prepare a scheme for examinations and degrees in music, and a curriculum of studies for the same, and to inquire into the requirements of the departments of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology. The proposal of the Senate of the University of Victoria, that there be a joint Matriculation examination for the Universities of Victoria and Toronto, was approved.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

The Engineering Society met last Tuesday in the School of Science. Considerable business was disposed of, relating principally to the Society library. Messrs. White and Gormley were elected as assistant librarians. Mr. William Newman read a most interesting paper upon the drainage system of the counties of Kent and Essex, on which work he has been engaged during the past summer. An old graduate, Mr. T. S. Russel, '90, was present at the meeting and gave a short address, descriptive of railroad work in which he has been engaged in the Rocky Mountains.

Now that the School of Science building is fairly completed, and the authorities have time to look about them, there are several inconveniences to which the students would like to call their attention. One of these is the absence of a notice-board in the new building. It has been customary this term to pin notices, etc., on the doors, but this is now forbidden, and for very good reasons, and a notice-board is consequently immediately necessary. It has been suggested that one be placed on the first floor near the main entrance, to be of access to all students coming into the building.

It is a lamentable fact that, in a new building like the School of Science, supposed to be built upon modern and "practical science" principles, there is no convenient and direct communication between the old and new buildings, except through the basement corridor. It is true that there is communication on all the floors, but this is by means of rooms through which the students are not allowed to pass—in other words, rooms of which their domestic despot, Graham, holds the keys. The consequence is, that going and coming from the second floor, say, in the new building to a lecture on the third floor in the old, the men have to pass over *ten* flights of stairs—five up and five down. Now this is a very strange state of affairs and should be attended to by the authorities, who no doubt think that the men are in need of exercise; but it is stated on good authority by those who appear to know that stair-mounting is not such a great factor in a man's scientific education as some people seem to think.

Another trouble is the locking at five o'clock of the doors in the basement corridor, leading from the old building to the cloak-room. On account of this, men working in the laboratories have no way to get their hats nor put away their instruments.

The School of Science still holds its prestige in the cross-country run. Last year three out of the six medals given came to S. P. S. men. This year the same thing occurs, Messrs. J. E. McAllister, C. E. Langley and A. L. McAllister being the winners of the second, fourth and fifth medals respectively.

FIRST PUBLIC DEBATE.

The Literary and Scientific Society will hold their first public debate of the year in the School of Science next Friday evening. The chair will be taken by Prof. Ashley. The subject for debate will be: "Resolved that Imperial Federation is Desirable." Affirmative, Godfrey, '91, and Cooper, '92; negative, McLean, '92, and Knox, '92. President Gibson will deliver his inaugural address, McNicol, '91, will give a reading, and the Glee Club, under the leadership of Mr. Schuch, render selections. One of the most pleasing features of the programme will be the presentation of the prizes won at "K" Company's annual match. Mrs. Edward Blake has kindly consented to present these. The censors will be Messrs. A. T. Kirkpatrick, C. S. Wood, R. K. Barker, G. H. Ferguson, E. A. Henry, W. Hardie and W. E. Olmstead. Programmes and invitations may be obtained from the Janitor or H. B. Fraser. Academics will be worn.

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