

Professor Blackie and his Senior Greeks.

THE various classes in Edinburgh University were opened on Wednesday by the professors. Professor Blackie delivered an address at nine o'clock to the junior students, which was listened to with comparative quietness. The second Greek class was opened by Professor Blackie at eleven o'clock and the students here were a great deal more uproarious than those at the junior meeting. The entrance of the Professor was the occasion for a more vigorous outburst of that rapping of sticks and whistling and howling that had prevailed for about a quarter of an hour previous to his appearance. Silence having been partially restored, the Professor, looking around the room, and evidently seeing that some of the students were bent upon a disturbance, said: I hope you will remember the compliment that was paid you yesterday by the Principal. (The sound of a whistle and a squeaking noise at the back part of the room.) Allow me to mention if that noise is repeated in this class I shall stop my lecture, and shall request the students to put that person out. (Rapping with sticks and tramping with feet.) I shall stop my lecture. I hear that silly instrument again in that part of the house. I have simply to state I will not tolerate this noise. I will not proceed if you don't put out these two poor, insignificant creatures making that noise. (Laughter and continued uproar.) I shall give you three minutes, and if they are not put out then I shall give you no lecture. That is my law; there shall be no lecture here. (The Professor sits down, with the noise unabated, and amidst cries of "No, no.") Silence having been regained, the Professor resumed—It is a matter of no consequence to me one way or another. I do not lecture. To-morrow we begin with the fifth chapter of the fourth book of Herodotus. (Hisses, and rapping of sticks and feet.) I presume, from this exhibition of disorderly feeling, which I did not experience in the first junior class, that it is not your intention to behave like gentlemen. In the meantime you will have to put the persons out. (Laughter and desk-thumping.) I shall gain an hour and you shall lose a lecture. There is one here and another there that ought to be put out. You should not allow yourselves to be made fools of.

(Hisses and laughter.) I shall go down and enrol students; there seems no inclination in you gentlemen, to purge yourselves of these noisy persons. Now (the professor looked at his watch) there is just one minute more. (Hisses and tramping noise.) It is my duty in this place to allow no disturbing element to come into the college, and it is your duty to put them out. (Loud noise.) The lecture will not go on. The Professor then lifted his book and left the room amidst a deafening noise of whistling, stick rapping, and feet tramping. The students then dispersed.—*Glasgow News*.

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