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Editorial Comments.

BASEBALL enthusiasts are already on the war-path. They have arisen from their long winter sleep, and have donned the paint and feathers. The baseball bear came out of his den early in February, saw his shadow, and returned no more. Let us hope he will thrive well during the coming season. This game should become more popular among the students than it is at present. We should have more supporters of the game and more persons interested in the success of our club, which achieved such greatness during last season's tour. A letter appeared in last week's issue which showed the great importance of beginning early to organize and get everything in running order before the season opens in reality. We understand Mr. Garrett, of the *World* staff, has offered his assistance to the club during the coming season, and this should be sufficient guarantee for the club's being in a good condition for work during the summer of 1892. Let us render the club all the assistance in our power by contributing something towards their support, and by taking an interest in their matches.

Mr. W. S. W. McLay, B.A., late editor-in-chief of *Varsity*, now occupies a good position in the greatest University of British Columbia. He is to be congratulated on obtaining such an honorable situation, and our University is also to be congratulated on having such a worthy son. In his undergraduate course he occupied some of the most distinguished positions in the gift of the undergraduate body, and filled them to the satisfaction of all. He was prominent in all departments of our college—in athletics and societies of all kinds he took a deep interest. His labors on behalf of *Varsity* were indefatigable, and the result of these labors was the placing of this paper on a very high plane, and making it most popular among his fellow-students. We, together with all the students of Toronto University, follow our predecessor in office with the best wishes.

Our graduates are distinguishing themselves in almost every field of labor, evidences of which are to be found in all departments of learning. Miss Madge Robertson, M.A., one of our most noted lady graduates, uses the grey goose-quill in the editorial columns of the *Ladies' Pictorial Weekly*, "a newspaper for the women of North America," printed in this city. She has contributed to several well-known American magazines, a fact which shows that her writings are of the very first order. Her name is becoming widely known throughout the country, and we predict for her a brilliant career in her chosen profession—journalism. In her new career we hope to see her distinguish herself more than heretofore as she will no longer be trammelled by other duties.

We wish to draw attention to the Glee Club concert, which will be given in the Pavilion, Friday evening, Feb. 19. It is not our intention to give the club any undue praise, but must say their efforts in the past have been most untiring on behalf of the students in furnishing them with excellent music on all grand occasions. Their expenses are heavy in being compelled to pay their conductor and to furnish sheet music. We hope the students will take this matter into their grave consideration and decide to attend the concert given by them in the Pavilion. It must be remembered also that this will, to a certain extent, take the place of the old conversats, and on this account it will be incumbent on every person to patronize the entertainment.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNIVERSITY EXTENSION.

The first National Conference on University Extension held in Philadelphia on December 29, 30 and 31, under the auspices of the American Society for the Extension of University Teaching, was a significant event. It marked the transition of University Extension from local to national recognition. Every section of the country, with the exception of the Pacific Coast, sent delegates, and these delegates were men of national reputation in educational matters. More than fifty colleges and universities, including Harvard, Yale, Bryn Mawr, Columbia, Princeton, Johns Hopkins, Brown, Bowdoin, Pennsylvania, Northwestern, Rutgers, Missouri Valley, Muhlenberg, and the State Universities of Virginia, Vermont, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Nebraska, were represented. The audience was thoroughly representative of higher education in America. The national character of the Conference is further illustrated in the attitude assumed toward it by Hon. Wm. T. Harris, U.S. Commissioner of Education, who issued a circular of information concerning it, from the Bureau of Washington, read a deeply interesting and philosophical paper before the Conference, and presided at several of its sessions.

The Conference, which Mr. Sadler characterized as the best Extension Conference he had ever attended, was marked throughout by an utter absence of carping criticism, and opposition for the sake of opposition; by an earnest spirit of inquiry on the part of those who, with limited experience, but deep interest, had come to learn from the wisdom of others; by a spirit of generous response on the part of those who had anything to give; by a universal recognition of the deep significance of university extension as a potent factor in national upbuilding.

AN APOLOGY FOR GAZING AT A YOUNG LADY IN — ST. CHURCH.

The sermon was long
And the preacher was prosy;
Do you think it was wrong?
The sermon was long,
The temptation was strong,
Her cheeks were so rosy,—
The sermon was long
And the preacher was prosy. E. S. H.

THE WANDERING MINSTREL.

" . . . She chanted snatches of old tunes." Hamlet: Act iv.; Sc. 7.



HERE are words and expressions which, say as we may, have about them a certain wizardry. Somehow or other—and the Law of Mental Association does not explain all—they throw a glamor over us, and we are at their mercy.

As the scent of a bouquet thrown off from some whirling *danseuse* will take us away from the glare of the ball-room, back to some long-ago and much-loved garden, there are expressions which, despite ourselves, have the power of throwing us into moods and states of mind out of which emerge, called up as by a magician's wand, dreams and phantasms, more real than we at first may be inclined to admit.

I have been induced to make these remarks by the subject of the present sketch. It seems to me that "The Wandering Minstrel" is an expression of the uncanny sort. For since I sat down at my desk, with these three words at the head of my paper, vision after vision has not ceased to pass before me.

I have seen Orpheus, and all nature dancing to his music; the mountains stepping it in a stately minuet, the oaks kicking up their roots and waltzing with birches, the royal lion forgetting his dignity in the rapture of a double shuffle, and the lower animals wild in the restless whirl of a reel. I have beheld old Homer, deep-browed and millon-wrinkled, rolling out to the melody of his lyre that deathless music which whilom he sang to the *brool* of the restless *Ægean*. I have had a vision of the tents of a Danish camp, in the midst of which, under a spreading tree, sat King Alfred, the "Darling of the English" and well named the Great, harping, like a bearded David, to Guthrum at his tent door, a very Saul of an evil spirit. I have been present at the board of our Anglo-Saxon forefathers, when the snow was at the door and the wind in the chimney, and have heard, as the wassail-bowl went round the hall, the far-wandered gleeman with streaming hair, his back to the logs piled high on the blazing hearth, with wild gestures and a wilder eye, pour forth to the twanging of a harp his torrent of melody till the old hall re-echoed with shouts, and the war-cry rebounded from the smoky roof. I have listened to the same gleeman, when the snows were away and the wind was low, singing of love and chivalry, under the summer oak, to the blue-eyed maidens and yellow-haired lads of old England.

Visions, too, I have had of poor Louise, the gle maiden, with sword in hand and viol by her side, wandering from cottage door to castle gate, with the lay of the woodland walk ever on her lips, and of that aged minstrel, called the last by him who was a later and a greater singer in Newark's tower, garlanded with its woods, of Teviot's Flower and Branksome Hall:

"While Yarrow, as he roll'd along,
Bore burden to the minstrel's song."

And now I see Oliver of "The Deserted Village," the happy-go-lucky, the all-lovable, fluting in the market-place of a French village as the sun goes down to dark-eyed children in well-worn sabots and old men in much-mended blouses. Surely, since Time was young, and the god Pan piped, far in the forest, to gleaming nymph and reeling

satyr, the world has never seen so strange a wandering minstrel.

A wandering minstrel! as I write the enchanted words, memory, flashing her inextinguishable lamp upon the past, reveals far back the figure of a wandering minstrel, none other than that of Fiddler Henry, to me, at least, the indispensable of our village Fair. In a dusky cloak and a bell-crowned hat, white as the locks that stream down his back like a mountain-torrent, with heavy beard and glowing eye, mouthing out to the melody of his fiddle his tales of love and war, he is a poet and a minstrel every fibre of him.

Ah, Fiddler Henry! by thy side I have stood a sanguine and trustful child, regardless alike of merry-go-rounds and ginger-bread stalls, from the time that the sun came over the eastern hill until in my eyes thou wast apotheosized amid the glare of naphtha lamps and the circle of lads and lassies whirling dizzily to thy wild minstrelsy, when the unwelcome tidings came that it was long past bed-time, and, with visions of the day when I should have a fiddle and a bell-crowned hat, I walked down the single street of the quaint old village, not altogether heedless of the evening star that hung high above the pines, and the orange light that was dying away in the west.

Sad was that Fair day which came, and with it no Fiddler Henry. Hither and thither in the market-place I rushed, but nowhere was he to be seen. In despair I ventured to ask about him of an old candy wife to whom on by-gone Fair days I had seen him speaking. It was long ere I made the withered beldame understand, for she must needs think that a bairn can want nothing but barley-sugar or treacle candies. At last she exclaimed, "Harry the Fiddler, my bairn! ken ye na' hoo the puir body was smoor'd i' the snaw last New Year's night abune Yarrow?" I understood enough; Fiddler Henry had gone away and was never coming back to the Fair, and disconsolate I hurried from the market-place.

Surely I was right when I said that some expressions throw a glamor as of wizardry over us, and that "The Wandering Minstrel" is one of these. It has charmed me like a spell; it has said, "open sesame!" to my heart's treasure care. And now, as I bid adieu to the wandering minstrels who have been with me to-night, I am somewhat sad. As Fiddler Henry leaves me, it is, indeed, as if a bit of myself were going out into the windy night; and, laying down my pen and watching the flickering fire, while snatches of his old songs flit as bats about dark brain corners, I cannot but feel something strangely impressive in the fact that the song is with us when the singer is away, that the melody lives when the hand that guided the bow is still beneath a snow-wreath. Something strangely impressive indeed! yet herein catch we not a glimpse of the meaning of the whole thing?

"A great while ago the world began,
With hey, ho, the wind and the rain,"

and ever since, in windy weather and on rainy days all alike, there have been minstrels and minstrelsy. Long before troubadour sang, or Orpheus piped, the cataract blew its trumpet from the steep and the wind its thousand bugles up the fells, the nightrigale shook out her music to the moon, and the summer stream sang all night through to the listening oak. Ay, and before the "great while ago," ere the sigh of the wind and the splash of the rain

had begun, there were mysterious minstrelsies, sphere music and morning stars singing together. Minstrelsy is of the eternities and cannot die; the minstrel only opens his soul, already tuned, to the breezes of the Infinite, and it is they that make the melody.

I awake to find my early dream of fiddle and bell-crowned hat more than realized; for, by the constitution of our being, we are all of us wandering minstrels, fluting our roundelays and threnodies in the naphtha-glare and amid the merry-go-rounds of this poor world-fair, with weird passages of wailing as well as allegretto movements in our scores. Before and behind are the eternities, and all around are tones of sphere-music and minstrelsy of loftier worlds with influence on those who will but listen, the highest and holiest. Happy the earth-minstrel who at times shuts out the dazzle of the naphtha-glare and the clatter of the merry-go-rounds, and listens with bowed head to the sphere-music begotten of the eternities; struggling, if he cannot reproduce it, at least to be in tune with it. For him to have done so will be the better for the world, and, mayhap, not the worse for himself, when out above some Yarrow his limbs are benumbed in the wildering snows of the death-drift. CHARLTON BLACK.

IS HE CONCEITED?

In some things college life must change, but one thing seems to be an ever fixed mark, the star to ever critical heart, the phrase "He is clever enough, but so conceited." Since I left you four years ago many reforms have been instituted. No more is heard the deep drawn cry of anguish from the pallid lip of the ill-starred freshman; no more is a Y. M. C. A. man looked upon as a portent; no more is the sweet girl undergraduate trampled upon by the beings of coarser clay; no more is an utterly incomprehensible constitution and a completely depleted exchequer of the Literary a bright dream of the future; no more, a world of other features are no more. One however constant e'er remains. "He is clever enough, but so conceited."

Just what the words mean nobody will attempt exactly to tell, but grant a man success and you bring him in the list of those thus stigmatized. The subject was always interesting to me, and I humbly tried to study its varied phenomena. One of my best friends was a bright young fellow, slightly fond of using his vocal powers, high in his class lists, and one of the few not afraid to say "I did pretty well on that paper." The majority of his contemporaries thought him conceited, but I knew only too well that under the surface lay a deep vein of thought which only bowed its head meekly and said: "I don't understand it, I know I have some success, but 'tis not I who do it. I hope I shan't get conceited, for I have nothing to be conceited over." And I think it will not take long to vindicate at once his ability and sterling worth. To take another case, some people thought Cody and Stuart conceited in their first year, but some of you have yourselves seen them exalted on a pinnacle above any breath of such a thought, where all unite in praising them as being two of our greatest men. To tell the truth, at some time or other, and by somebody or other, I heard the phrase applied to at least 96 per cent. of my class mates. You call your fellow student conceited when down deep in your heart you believe you have as good or better abilities than he has. Let us all be the opposite to conceited ourselves and I think we shall hear less of conceit in others. If you will stop and think about it you will easily see that in calling another man conceited you are betraying your own conceit. For if there were no other argument you are surely conceited in that you think you have that highly commend-

able virtue, so truly praiseworthy, of not being conceited. You do not know what are the inner thoughts of your associates. One may hold up his head in the consciousness of honest poverty, and you, misjudging him, may ascribe another motive to his actions. "Judge not lest ye be also judged." Neither do you know the effects of your unkind criticism which you so often give from mere superficial considerations.

Let us be broad and fair and student-like; let us recognize merit and oppose real cheek; let us say "He is clever enough," without adding the ignoble qualification with its deadly "but so conceited." H. K. M., '88.

SNOW FALL.

I.

Silent as the lilies grow
Out of dark clouds hanging low,
Comes the soft and pale-white snow;
Falling, sinking everywhere,
Dancing, prancing, in mid air,
'Round the limbs of trees all bare;
'Round old fences, quaint in looks,
Sleeping by the purling brooks;
'Round old barn-walls where the sheep
Near the cozy straw-stack sleep.

II.

Softer through the air it goes
Than the petals of the rose
In the gentlest breeze that blows;
Softer than the hum of bees
And the thousand melodies
Floating on the summer breeze;
Softer than the moonlight falls
On old, broken castle walls,
And it never seems to 'light
Till the earth is robed in white.

III.

Like a dream it all appears;
Thoughts and sights of other years,
Hopes and fancies, ay and fears,
Fall around me like the snow,
Making nothing as they go
But a heavy, winding-sheet
For that which in life seemed sweet.
Thus the first snow fall, you see,
Opens up the past to me.

—D., in the *Niagara Index*.

AMONG THE COLLEGES.

The Czar has sent to Stanford University 800 mineralogical specimens.

Oberlin has recently received an endowment of over ninety-one thousand dollars.

William Astor has promised \$1,000,000 to endow a negro university at Oklahoma.

Annual athletic meetings are held at Yale to find out the material of the freshman class.

The University of Michigan will erect a Grecian temple as her contribution to the World's Fair at Chicago.

Several Chicago gentlemen have purchased, for the new university of Chicago, an old German library of 400,000 volumes.

The King of Siam will soon send six youths from his kingdom to be educated at Pennsylvania. The expenses of their tuition, about \$5,000 a year, are to be borne by the Siamese Government.

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ASPASIA TO PERICLES.

The immortal Greek chats about other no less immortal women. With apologies to Walter Savage Landor and Prof. Hutton.



ANY and other marvellous things have I read and heard, and not the least interesting are the words of many and other both illustrious and learned and profound philosophers—and of these not the least illustrious and learned and profound a certain Huttonos of Oxford—touching and concerning the island of Atlantis.

There are many other beautiful works of this famous man, but none so strange and entertaining as his treatise about that mystic land. According to this great Athenian, therefore, this heavenly island is in the unknown land he calls America, and the inhabitants are manifest corresponding for the most part to our "epheboi" and "sophists," but with this exception, by no means a slight one, for in that divine place there are female "epheboi" as well as male, and it was only by the sternness, it is angelic how fortunate, of the "boule" or council, that there have not been female sophists as well.

Now among other and singular adventures that philosopher represents himself, how he found a society of the "Lovers of Literature and of the Science of Nature," and how they were divided into factions, and held elections, striving mightily under the influence of some god or goddess, and how they for the most part drank barley-wine, although some few drank grape-wine, so as to get into a condition

it is heavenly how sober; although for the most part they were eloquent men in the assembly. He tells, too, how some of the learners and sophists cut up little frogs and fishes, but did not eat them, as other men do, but put them in jars to preserve them, wherefore he conjectures they are sardines or anchovies. And again, he tells of the residents how this pained his heart calumniating the flesh and cheese how infernal they were, but I have heard of some who heard of them how they buried them once in a coffin, intending, to make a conjecture, to offer it to the gods who dwell in the vaults beneath. Moreover he shows us the female epheboi how they first came to Atlantis and how they civilised the male learners, so that these latter wore clean linen and ties it is heavenly how beautiful.

Now accordingly, it is of these female epheboi I would write to thee, for since the end of that famous writer's history they have grown and waxed mightily, and it is suspected the male species may even in the end become extinct, although that famous Darwin holds not. O Pericles, by Zeus, the king of gods and men, if thou couldst but once behold these epheboi thou wouldst forsake me as being but an inferior among them. Some of them are tall even like daughters of the gods, as that famous Tennyson also says, and some of them are short even like daughters of other gods, if I may coin an expression. Now all of them, outwardly at least, worship Athena as being the goddess of wisdom, but not a few of them, secretly at least, worship Aphrodite as being the goddess of beauty. Now, in my opinion at least, it is better to worship both Athena and Aphrodite, and I think you would think even as I. Not but what there are some of the male epheboi who believe that the golden apple even in Atlantis should be given even as Paris also awarded it, as that great poet tells us; and that, too, as many of the male epheboi have as yet no beards to bless their chins.

Now many and other strange things have I learned about them, and not the least strange have I seen some of them how they cut up and preserve fishes, even as that Huttonos says about the male epheboi, not but what, in my opinion at least, it is the duty of the female to do the cutting up and preserving.

To pass over many and other heavenly things, I fain would tell them of these epheboi how they have also for their part a society of the "Lovers of Literature." And concerning this also a certain famous Gallic manuscript was written, a copy of which I enclose, telling of the epheboi how their society was formed. Now it is well known, both to many others and to me as well, that their society has held assemblies and elected officers, even as the male epheboi. But, by Zeus, a yet more heavenly and divine thing, some of them at least have stood up in the assembly and spoken even like men; whom, in truth, if thou couldst have heard thou wouldst have thrown that famous funeral oration, that about the fallen Athenians, into the waste-paper basket. Thus much of these things have I written to thee, but one thing I would ask, and may Athena give thee wisdom to answer it. For in the former part of my letter I quoted that famous Huttonos how he tells of the male "Lovers of Literature." Dost thou think, accordingly, the same will befall the females?

Many other things I would write to thee, but I must comb my hair so I can answer the telephone. Farewell.
ASPASIA.

Cornell, presented with a noble new library and the equally noble gift for its endowment, has entered upon a new epoch in its history. Henry W. Sage gives \$200,000 to found a School of Philosophy and \$300,000 to endow a library, also the library building itself at a cost of \$260,000. Ex-President White donates his library valued at \$100,000, making the total amount (with other donations) Cornell has received the last year reach the sum of \$1,547,000, enough in itself to endow a very good college. College of Agriculture of Cornell is setting on foot a movement in behalf of the forestry and roadmaking of the State.

MEDICAL NOTES.

The Committee on Medical Council Examinations met on Saturday evening. A goodly number of the petitions signed by medical practitioners from all parts of the province were presented, and by the number of names handed in the object is a just and reasonable one. We were unable to learn the name of a single individual now in actual practice, to whom the petition was presented, who refused to attach his name.

The petition for the signature of the students was then discussed at length and will be in circulation in a few days. We hope that there is no part of it to which any member of the council can take exception.

This about finishes the work of the committee who have performed their labors faithfully.

A petition has been handed in signed by members of the Fourth Year for the consideration of the Senate. It is thought that one complete examination on the subject of obstetrics is sufficient, and that as in the past they are worthy of being called fully equipped with one examination. Perhaps more clinical instruction instead of an additional examination would suit much better. A favorable answer is expected.

The Medical Society met on Friday evening last. An address, by Prof. J. E. Graham on "Medical Ethics," enlightened us much regarding our duties and conduct toward patients and fellow practitioners. Prof. Oldright enlivened us with extracts from letters written by "one of the boys abroad." We remember the "boy" before he went abroad and feel sure he will do credit to our school wherever he goes. Songs by Messrs. Wakefield and Rogers assisted by Mr. Marr were well received and Messrs. Olcott and Oldfield delighted us with the mouth organ and autoharp.

After a very creditable paper by Mr. Evans nominations for the offices for the following year were made. Dr. H. Wilberforce Aikins was chosen as President of the society for the coming year, and the elections for the other offices follow in two weeks. Many expressions complimentary to the present President, Dr. Peters, and his assistants were used by members of the society. We expect that Drs. Primrose and Féré, who were the unanimous choice of the meeting to find out who is worthy of the Ferguson medal, will report also at the next meeting.

TRINITY CONVERSAT.

On Thursday night the classic old corridors of Trinity were resplendent with stylish costumes and joyous faces. About 1,200 were present to help make hilarious Trinity's annual event. The music from the three orchestras floated luxuriously through the spacious halls. Delicate odors, ravishing melodies and subdued whisperings fairly intoxicated the senses which were only restored upon some practical friend's interfering and impressing upon one the moral obligation he was under to seek the regions below and partake of the nectarine dainties abounding there.

The convocation hall was the scene of beauty and gaiety almost surpassing the imagination of a Dumas or a Hugo. Electric bells connected the dance halls, and buglers from the Fort gave the note of warning ere any new dance began. Every quiet nook in the building was utilized as a rendezvous, and many were the little stolen flirtations and tête-à-têtes indulged in unknown to the sober mammas and chaperons.

The following are a few of the names of the distinguished guests: Allan (G. W.), Ashley (Prof.), Blackstock, Bunting, Blake, Campbell (Gov.-Gen.) Hagarty (Justice), Howland, Hutton, McCarthy (D'Alton), Mowatt, Osler, Otter, Smith (Goldwin).

The Varsity was nobly represented. The students and the committees of management deserve great credit for the skill and enterprise they displayed in making their conversat one of the big social events of the season.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

Extensive preparations are going on in the School of Science for the opening of the Engineering Laboratories next week. The date at first fixed upon was Feb. 15, but it has been recently changed to the 24th. The affair is to partake somewhat of the nature of a reception and formal opening of the whole college building. It is now some years since the first steps were taken towards enlarging the S. P. S., which, it will be remembered, used to consist of only the present north wing. Since that time the equipment of apparatus and the arrangements for facilitating practical study have been gradually supplied, until the present date sees the whole institution properly fitted for pursuing work in the practical department of the engineering curriculum. The opening of the "engineering laboratories" is to be made an official affair, and it is expected that the members of the Legislature, with their friends, will be fully represented as well as the students. Addresses will be given in Convocation Hall by the Minister of Education, Professor Galbraith, Dr. Coleman and others, after which the whole building will be thrown open to the guests for inspection. The interest will no doubt be centered in the laboratories and machine shops, where all the machinery will be in motion and in charge of students. There will also be exhibits of rocks and minerals, surveying and astronomical instruments, drawings both by the students and profession, as well as interesting stereopticon views. The arrangements and preparations for all these exhibits are being carried on by the faculty, assisted by the students, and everything promises to go well. Work of decoration is in the hands of the Second Year men, and they are already on the move after flags, bunting, drawings, etc. The Third Year men are to take charge of all the laboratories and machinery, and consequently they are all quite busy getting acquainted with their work, for to take charge of a number of different kinds of machines successfully requires considerable practice. During the present week, as well as the last, the Seniors are to be seen skirmishing about the machine shops clad in "blue jeans," with oil-can in one hand and monkey-wrench in the other, each man attending to that part of the machinery which is his especial charge. The three testing machines, hundred-ton, torsion, and fifty-ton, are being managed by Messrs. Goodwin, Alison, Laing, Laschinger, Fairchild and Prentice. The electrical apparatus, including batteries, dynamos, motors, etc., are in the charge of Messrs. Lea, White, Milne and Lash, '93. Messrs Langley, '92, Fingland, '93, Keele, '93, and Ballantyne, '93, take charge of the cement testing room. The system of waterworks appliances, including pumps, tanks, reservoirs, waterwheels and dynamometer, is managed by Messrs. Playfair, Smith, Ross, Mitchell, Thomson and Bucke, '93. Messrs. Anderson and McEntee have their work at the indicators of the engines. Besides those already mentioned, Messrs. Goldie, Robertson and Hanly, of the Second Year, are to manage the planers and lathes. Altogether the laboratories will present a very busy scene on the evening of the 24th.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held on Thursday at 5 o'clock. Rev. J. McP. Scott, President of the Gale Mission Committee, reported that Mr. Gale had resigned his position as missionary in Corea. He also announced that it was the intention to choose another mission field and endeavor to obtain another missionary. In the discussion which ensued Professor Hume and Mr. Tracy took part. Mr. Murison moved that the discussion of the matter be postponed for two weeks; the proposal is to be posted up on the notice board.

The next meeting will be addressed by Mr. Silcox. Messrs. McNicol and Nye, the delegates to the London meeting, will report.

MY IDEAL.

[Dedicated to the loveliest of woman.]

Her love's more deep than ocean's blue,
Her heart than sunlight truer;
No mountain daisy ever grew
So tender, fair and pure.

God here achieved His masterpiece,
Outlining every grace;
And white-robed angels ne'er shall cease,
To envy her sweet face.

Were she a star in yonder sky
She'd shed such kindly light,
That all day long I'd sit and sigh
For coming of the night.

Were I the sun I'd leave my throne
And rend the sky apart,
Though all the universe should groan,
To clasp her to my heart.

My Love! My Queen! My Deity!
I love thee as none other,
And thou hast sworn thou'dst die for me,
My Love! My Queen! My Mother!
—Jay Kobb, in *Toronto World*.

NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

A regular meeting of the above Association was held in the Biological lecture room, Tuesday, the 9th inst. The examining committees for the Cawthorne and McMurrich medals were appointed:—For the Cawthorne, Professors Pike and Chapman and Dr. Miller. For the McMurrich, Professors Wright and Chapman and Dr. McCallum; the President to be an *ex-officio* member, and the convener of both committees.

An interesting paper on "The Relation of Crystallization to the Periodic Law" was read by Mr. W. Addison, '92. The matter was of an argumentative nature, and consisted of an attempt to prove that the laws of crystallization bear a fixed or approximately fixed relation to Mendelejeff's Classification.

The next meeting will be held in the Chemical lecture room on the 23rd February.

Mr. W. Parks, '92, will read a paper on "Spirifera Disjuncta," and Mr. F. Smale, '92, will address the Society on "The Phosphines."

The General Committee also met and appointed the 22nd March as the date for the annual meeting.

Notices of some interest to members will be found posted on the notice board of the School of Science.

THE SENATE MEETS.

At Friday night's meeting after the reading of communications, one of which was from Dublin University asking for a representative, Mr. W. Ross, B. A., was appointed examiner in chemistry, and E. C. Jeffrey, B.A., in entomology.

The degree of B. A. was then conferred on J. S. Brown, J. W. Garvin, and T. Smith.

The report from the Building Committee with plans for new chemistry buildings to be erected near the observatory was read, in which the cost of this thoroughly-equipped apartment was estimated at \$60,000.

A committee was then appointed to report on the cost of the requisite accommodation for the department of mineralogy.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

The students' tickets for the 'Varsity concert have been out for some time and can be obtained from any member of the Glee Club.

Each undergraduate can obtain two reserved seat tickets at 75 cents each, 25 cents less than the regular tickets.

These tickets can be exchanged for seat coupons now at Nordheimer's Music Rooms, King Street.

It was thought best to limit the number to each student to two. This will enable him if he so wishes to take his "best girl," and by getting their tickets early they can secure the best seats in the house.

NOTES.

(1) Concert takes place in the Pavilion on Friday evening, Feb. 19th.

(2) The Upper Canada College At-Home has been postponed till the 26th inst. on account of this concert.

(3) Miss Howe, who makes her first Canadian appearance at our concert, is accorded by all who have heard her to be one of the finest and most accomplished singers in America. Her photo is in Nordheimer's window and shows her to be a very beautiful woman.

(4) F. J. Lavin, the well-known New York tenor, will also sing. He was the drawing-card at the big Vocal Society concert here two years ago.

(5) Every student should endeavor to hear the coming concert, as it will be the best in Toronto for some time.

(6) Frederic Boscovitz will finger the keys with his accustomed mastery and execution on that evening.

R. K. B.

AT THE REFERENDUM.

The papers read at the referendum lecture of the Political Science class of '94 are usually of a very severe and matter-of-fact type. On Thursday, January 28th, however, an agreeable diversion was created by Mr. W. T. McPherson, whose paper on Sir Francis Head's Administration, while containing an abundance of information, was couched in language so humorous as to bring a smile even to the faces of that sage body, the politicians of '94. The essayist first gave a brief outline of the state of Canada in 1836, the year of Head's appointment as Governor. At this time the family compact was supreme, and in Upper Canada Mackenzie, having published his grievance report, was carrying on a vigorous crusade against the ruling oligarchy. In Lower Canada, Papineau had moved his famous 92 resolutions and was fighting tooth and nail for a responsible executive. At this critical period the home government in its wisdom appointed Sir Francis Bond Head as Governor of Upper Canada. It is generally conceded that his appointment was a clear case of "mistaken identity," the home government having intended to appoint Sir Edmund Head, but considering consistency of more importance than the good of Canada, they allowed the appointment to stand.

The highly original manner in which this honest but misguided gentleman endeavored to play the part of "political doctor" to Canada was humorously portrayed by the essayist. The governor was in constant dread of the "democratic tendencies" evinced by Mackenzie and his followers. He objected strongly to a union between the Canadas, as he believed that such a union would strengthen the hands of Mackenzie, whom he accused of all the crimes on the calendar. He deplores the "conciliatory" measures of the Home Government towards the Colony, and advises greater stringency on the part of England towards Canada, while, at the same time, he advocates the withdrawal of the militia from the country, and says he "would rather trust to the justness of his cause than to the force of arms." He stigmatizes the project of a responsible Executive as one whereby "the governor's

head was to be emptied of its contents and stuffed with republican brains"; and he considers the plan whereby the great mass of the population should rule, instead of being ruled by, the few wealthy members, as "a reversion of the political pyramid which no reasonable man could entertain." The essayist touched briefly upon Head's quixotic conduct during the Rebellion of 1837, and of his recall.

The essay showed careful preparation, and gave some valuable information about this period of Canadian history. The Canadian people may regard Head's administration, his absurd views and visionary projects, with good-natured ridicule; but, for a man whose intentions were good, and whose motives were pure, he managed to do about as much harm to this country as one man can accomplish.

WOMEN AT VARSITY.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

DEAR SIR,—I wish to make a few observations concerning the ladies at Varsity, a subject of ever-growing interest and importance. It is by no means without diffidence I request a small portion of your space, not because the subject mentioned would not justify it, but because I shall probably not put my case strongly enough.

You must know that there has always been a strong element opposed out-and-out to the presence of ladies at Varsity, an element firm in its adherence to the theory,—

Man for the field and woman for the hearth,
Man for the sword and for the needle she,
Man to command and woman to obey,
All else confusion.

This old theory was naturally overthrown, and French boots covering blue stockings began to tread the virgin corridors. At first it was not so bad. The female students never thought of speaking to those of the opposite sex in the halls, or of any other equally improper proceedings; they knew their proper place and kept it. "Then came a change, and such a change." Ladies speak to their friends wherever their sweet will dictates; they permit escorts to accompany them to the very doors of learning's home, and some of the fresher of the freshwomen have even gone so far as to —, but I cannot declare it. These things are not as they should be. We do not come to Varsity to learn the art of flirtation, or some other art equally nonsensical and contemptible. We do not even come to learn how to escort a skirted undergraduate to a church or a concert, as some of our men are beginning, or rather have begun, to do. We come to be ready to take our place in life as men when we shall leave its hallowed precincts. Perhaps the men who thronged our college of old were less polished and urbane than the *jeunesse dorée* we turn out to-day; but they certainly were more rugged and better equipped for life's battles, than the half-educated foplings who will soon begin to graduate under the present order of things.

If a few of the men are so deluded as not to see the demoralizing effects liable to issue from the closer co-relations of the sexes, it is to be hoped the ladies, for their own position's sake, will discourage the proceedings we have alluded to. There are many other and more unkind things which I shall not ask you to publish at present, but which may be forthcoming, if no improvement is made on the present modes of conduct. Hopefully yours,

Toronto, Feb. 6, 1892. OLD ROMAN.

[We wish to draw the attention of our readers to the following item on the sixth page: "We are not responsible for the opinions expressed in our correspondence column." —ED.]

The University of Pennsylvania has regularly organized yelling squads.

THE MEDICAL FACULTY.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

Since the restoration of the Medical Faculty of the University a great deal has been said about its efficiency, and the maintenance of this deserved reputation should be the aim alike of Faculty and students.

That it is looked upon as one of the best institutions of its kind in the country is shown by the large freshmen classes annually formed, and yet many things in our course are not as they should be. Our fees are numerous—some large, some small, and some of them so petty as to be unworthy of a great university; and in some cases we get no adequate return for our money.

The particular case I wish to refer to at present is that of our practical chemistry class. We are supposed to devote two hours every week to this important branch, but generally one-half of this time is frittered away in making preparations which, it seems to us, could very well be made beforehand. The delay in starting makes a delay in closing, and a consequent delay in our appearance at the following lecture, which is justly annoying to the lecturer and that half of the class which is there before us.

Again, in this department, above all others, *systematic* work is necessary, but in this class there is no system, except that which each student hammers out for himself amid the rattle of test tubes, with an occasional word of advice from our genial professor or his assistant.

The writer of this article does not consider it his duty or his place to propose ways and means to the Faculty, but considers that while the fees in this department remain as high as they are at present, he and his fellow students have a right to efficient instruction.

(Signed) MAX.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

NOTE.—Contributions to this column must be received before Saturday night. The secretaries of the different societies are requested to furnish us with definite but very concise information as to the time and place of meeting.

TUESDAY, FEB. 16TH.

Philosophical Society of '93.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.
Philosophical Society of '94.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17TH.

Y.W.C.A. Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Bible Class.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 18TH.

Y.M.C.A. Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.
Mathematical and Physical Society.—"Trigonometrical Expansion," by W. Gillespie, '93; "Experiments in Chromatic Polarisation of Light," by C. A. Chant, B.A. Room 16, 3.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 19TH.

College Glee Club.—Entertainment. Horticultural Pavilion, 8 p.m.
Ladies' Glee Club.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 1 p.m.
College Glee Club.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.
Literary Society.—Postponed on account of Glee Club Entertainment. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 20TH.

Ladies' Literary Society.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Regular University Lecture.—"Corals and Coral Islands," Professor Ramsay Wright, M.A., B.Sc. University Hall, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 21ST.

Bible Class.—"The Uproar at Ephesus," Acts, xix. 23-41. Rev. J. P. Sheraton, D.D. Wycliffe College, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 22ND.

Modern Language Club.—"English Lady Novelists." Essays: Charlotte Brontë, Jane Austen and Miss Mulock. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 23RD.

Classical Association.—(a) "Horace, and his Influence on succeeding Literature," W. L. Naines; (b) "Horace's Views on Philosophy and Religion," H. J. Sissons, '94; (c) "Horace's Relations with Augustus and Mæcenas," L. A. Green, '94. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.
Natural Science Association.—Chemical Lecture Room, 4 p.m.

The University of Colorado is building a new Scientific Hall, to cost \$50,000.

MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

Glee Club. Pavilion. Feb. 19.

"Jarbeau" at the Grand this week.

J. C. McGuigan, '94, has dropped out,—ill-health.

Mr. S. B. Burson, B.A., '91, is studying law in St. Catharines.

A. B. Baird, M.A., '82, is Professor in the Presbyterian College, Winnipeg.

The School of Science Formal Opening has been postponed a week.

W. Tier, '95, will be quite an addition to the baseball club this season.

Mr. R. A. Barron, '81, holds the position of Principal in Meaford High School.

N. McMurchy, B.A., '90, teaches Natural Sciences in Goderich High School.

Mr. J. S. Copland, B.A., '89, is teaching Sciences in Brockville High School.

A brother of Mr. W. H. Pease, '94, died last week. THE VARSITY extends its sympathy.

The Political Science Club of '93 has sunk into a state of noxcititude. No more meetings this term.

Our Exchange Department has frequently been crowded out on account of the abundance of other matter.

A freshman not succeeding in finding a boarding-house on his arrival at New Year inquired, "Where is Rossin's tavern?"

We are glad to be able to report the rapid convalescence of our President, Sir Daniel Wilson, who is now able to take a daily outing.

The Glee Club held forth at Carlton Street Church on the evening of Feb. 4th, and did justice to themselves and the kindness of the ladies.

Mr. E. Ed. Harvey, ex-Medical editor of VARSITY, visited the sanctum on Saturday last. He reports everything booming over at the Old School.

The prospectus of the Toronto Technical School is to hand, and we find the name of our genial class mate, Mr. E. B. Merrill, graduate S.P.S., figuring prominently on the teaching staff.

In answer to an inquiry we would say that students of both sexes are requested to wear their gowns at the Glee Club concert. The event is practically taking the place of the old conversat., and should be as strikingly college as possible.

K. Co. held its annual meeting last Wednesday night in the Residence Dining Hall, and was well attended. It was decided to have a composition picture taken with Varsity as a background. Outsiders can only procure the picture from Lieut. Barker.

We are glad to hear that Professor Hutton's lecture on "Phases in Athenian Politics," and Mr. Dale's

on "The Greatness of Rome," are to be published in pamphlet form by the Classical Association. Copies may be procured from the Secretary of the Association.

To decide a wager and test our value as an advertising medium we inserted a personal notice on one of our most popular and able members of the staff. The result was astounding; forty-eight personal applications inside of his first fifteen minutes reappearance at Varsity.

The gratitude of the editors is due Mr. D. McArthur, solicitor, etc., who occupies the office next to that of VARSITY, for his many acts of kindness to the staff. His allowing us the use of the telephone on any occasion is sufficient to warrant him the continued good-will of all interested in VARSITY.

We have received a copy of the lecture on "Social Purity" delivered before the University of Toronto Y.M.C.A. by Mr. John Ferguson, M.A., M.D., Demonstrator of Anatomy in the medical department. The pamphlet contains some valuable hints to young men on the necessity of keeping themselves free from immoral practices so common among young people. It is desired that all who wish to contribute towards the circulation of these little books would pay what they can to the Secretary.

A French meeting of the Modern Language Club was held on Monday, 8th., President Mr. Cameron in the chair. Mr. Gillies gave notice that at next meeting of the Society he would move that the office of Corresponding Secretary be abolished, as also some changes respecting the office of Counsellors. An interesting essay on "The Life of Lamartine" was read by Miss Flemming, and Miss Lye's French essay on "Joculen" was very well written. The members were favored by a Reading in French by Mr. Squair, and not only was the selection a most happy one but the reading was so clear and distinct that all could understand. After the programme the members engaged in French conversation.

The Classical Association held its second public meeting on Tuesday last. The attendance was larger than before, showing the widening influence of the club, and the interest was well sustained. The musical items on the programme were due to the energy of the ladies of the Association and the kindness of some of the ladies who were not members. The numbers formed a very pleasing variation. Mr. Dale's paper was characterized by his usual profundity of knowledge and conciseness of expression. His subject was, "Virgil, the National Poet of Rome." We regret that we are not able to give a summary of it for the benefit of our readers, but space will not allow.

Mr. Milner handled "The Modern Spirit in Virgil" from personal and original research. No criticism is needed.

DI-VARSITIES.

Nibbs: Hi Fli has been going it pretty fast lately. Where does he get his stuff? Nobbs: O, his governor puts it up. Hi is a prodigal son just returned home from the West. See?

Student of '95: Say, Prop, who's that poor fellow sitting up there on top of the refrigerator? Proprietor: That's a gentleman of the First Year. I pay him for sitting there—a kind of guarantee to my customers that my goods are all fresh, you see.

1st Student (singing): "Rock me in the cradle of the deep." 2nd Student (angry): If you don't stop that infernal howling I will. 1st Student (singing still): "Rock me in the cradle of the deep." 2nd Student (angry still): All right; shall I carry you there or order up the cradle.

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