

STUDYING OF GERMAN.

HOW THE STUDENTS OF QUEEN'S ARE ENTERTAINED.

The Modern Language Society of the University and How They Make Their Evenings Pleasant—Music and Literature Have Their Influence For Good.

Last evening the modern language society of Queen's college gave the first of a series of entertainments which they intend to offer for the purpose of cultivating foreign languages among the students who study these subjects.

After these conversational songs are sung and short readings and declamations given of an interesting and amusing character.

At the opening of the entertainment last evening the secretary pro tem. made some introductory remarks on the object in view.

The society, which was well represented last evening by a respectable number of students and others, expressed themselves as very much obliged to Mr. J. Machar, who favors the society so much by assisting to train the students in cultivating in them an acquaintance with this very useful language.

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MARTIN'S OPERA HOUSE.

First Appearance of Ida Van Cortland—A Very Successful Opening.

The first performance of the Ida Van Cortland dramatic troupe, which will stay here a week, was given last evening in the opera house in the presence of a fairly good audience.

ADVANTAGEOUS CHANGES.

A New Time Table on the G. T. R.—Fast Expresses on the Double Tracks.

A new time-table will be issued in a few days on the G. T. R. There are many changes proposed, all which will be of great accommodation to the travelling public.

As a matter of information, looking toward the ultimate selection of Kingston as the divisional point between Montreal and Toronto, we might mention that the engineering department have asked for full particulars of the property here, the dimensions of the round houses and the condition and character of the other buildings which were formerly used for repairing purposes.

A LITTLE TOO FRESH.

The Belleville Papers Wake Suddenly Up And Cry Out "It's a Lie."

The Belleville papers were roused from their lethargy yesterday by the Whig's announcement of the probable removal of the G. T. R. shops from Brockville and Belleville to Kingston as soon as the double track was completed.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention.

George Clarke left for Chicago to-day. G. Metcalfe went to Winnipeg last week. N. Switzer, while hunting near Lavant, shot two fine deer.

Mr. Nesbit, stationer and book merchant, is very sick.

Mr. J. J. Foy, Q.C., is mentioned as safe for one of the judgeships.

Sir Hector Langevin will be entertained at Montreal this evening.

Sir Charles Dilke says he expects to prove Mrs. Crawford's story false.

Dr. A. M. Rosebrugh, of Toronto, will be in Kingston on Thursday.

Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick has gone on a trip to Victoria, B.C.

William Derry, engineer of the Maud, is seriously ill from inflammation of the bowels.

Mr. William Crozier, of Embro, Ont., is the guest of Mrs. William Neil, of this city.

William Somerville has executed two fine pencil sketches of the yacht Puritan and steamer Leaver.

P. McLaughlin purchased from Mr. J. M. Fair on Saturday a handsome team of chestnut horses.

H. Fairclough, B.A., lecturer in classics in Toronto university, is on a visit to friends in Kingston.

E. H. Britton was sworn in at Osgoode hall yesterday and is now a regularly licensed barrister.

S. H. Clarke has been reappointed instructor of elocution at Queen's university. He has thirty in his class.

Mrs. Dr. Keith, of New Glasgow, N.S., is visiting her father, Mr. Thomas Moore, merchant tailor.

J. M. Courtney, deputy minister of finance, will leave for Washington towards the end of the present week.

There is a general expectation that Hugh McMahon, Q.C., London, will get the late Judge O'Connor's place on the bench.

Rev. A. B. Chambers, of Stanstead, has been invited to become pastor of the Oshawa Methodist church next June.

W. J. Agnew, a member of the Salvation army band, has gone to New York to pursue his business in the dry goods trade.

Missionary J. Dunlop has reached Port Arthur on his trip to Japan. He sails from Vancouver on the 23rd for Yokohama en route to Tokio.

Charles E. Fitch, editor of the Rochester Democrat, is a candidate for clerk of the New York senate. And the likelihood is he will get it.

Mrs. Potter's New York engagement netted her \$28,160, or an average of \$1,241 per day. The last week she drew as well as the first week.

Archdeacon Lauder, who has been on a tour through the diocese of Ontario, reports great progress of church work in the diocese.

Hon. Mr. Savage, legislative councillor, Quebec, is dead. Mr. Savage resigned his seat last session to make room in the cabinet for Hon. D. A. Ross, Protestant minister.

Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, for nine years pastor of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church, Point St. Charles, has been called to St. Andrew's parish, Perth, and will probably accept.

The government has decided to add the following names to the labour commission now in session in Toronto: W. A. Gibson and Uriah Carson, Ottawa; Patrick Kirwin, Quebec; L. Cote, St. Hyacinthe; H. A. McLean, London.

The North German Gazette, referring to the birthday of the crown princess, says the whole fatherland looks with pride and admiration upon the lady, who, self-sacrificingly, stands by the side of her consort. The prayer is that the crown prince will recover.

Lewis Bros., hardware, will move to Montreal on Dec. 1st, and J. F. Austin, jeweller, to Toronto at an early date. This announcement we are sorry to make, on personal as well as business grounds. Their loss to the city the public at large will sincerely regret.

T. B. Lafferty, barrister, Calgary, and Nina E., eldest daughter of Hugh Sutherland, Winnipeg, were married on Nov. 17th. The bride was attired in a rich travelling dress. Mr. and Mrs. Lafferty, after receiving congratulations drove to the C.P.R. station and took the train for the west. The presents were numerous and valuable.

Lord Tennyson has written a letter to Walt Whitman thanking him for his photograph, and adds: "May you still live and flourish for many years." He speaks of the celebration in honor of the United States constitution and adds that England can learn from the states "the care taken to guard the noble constitution from rash and unwise innovations."

ABOUT THE TAXATION.

An Enquiry From Sherbrooke, Que.—The Facts Collected From the Assessor.

When writing to the Whig upon business matters last week a gentleman of Sherbrooke, P. Q., added: "I have had the idea of removing to Kingston, but what I have seen in your paper about the court of revision and tax on income and personal property has frightened me. I have a small income and no trade or business, and I was in the United States for two years but could not agree to pay this tax. I paid it once and quit the country, and I think I should have to leave this continent if such a tax prevailed. My object in going to Kingston would be to be near Queen's college, for the sake of my son and daughter, who are getting old enough to attend college classes. But if you have a tax on personal property I could only come to Kingston as a lodger, and keep my domicile elsewhere. I should like to know what the regulations as to taxes are in Kingston; if the information could be got in printed form, perhaps you could inform us in your paper. I own two houses in this city, and I thought of selling one and buying one in Kingston, but I think I will hold off till I know more about it."

In this city there are three forms of assessment, real, personal and taxable income. Real assessment is on the land and buildings.

"Personal estate" and "personal property" still include all goods, (except household) chattels, interest on mortgages, dividends from bank stock, dividends on shares or stocks of other incorporated companies, money, notes, accounts and debts at their actual value, income and all other property, except land and real estate. All personal property within the province, the owner of which is not in the province, shall be assessed like the personal property of residents, and whether the same is or is not in the possession or control of an agent or trustee on behalf of the non-resident owner; and all such personal property of non-residents may be assessed in the owner's name as well as in the name of the agent, trustee or other person (if any) who is in the possession or control thereof. The property shall be assessable in the municipality in which it may happen to be.

The income assessment is made on personal earnings on all above \$700; if from dividends, etc., and under \$1,000, on all above \$400; over \$1,000 the full amount is assessed; if income is derived from rents it is not assessable.

Wool tuques at Laidlaw's.

THE POLITICS OF LABOUR.

THE QUESTION AS PRESENTED BY PHILLIPS THOMPSON.

A Man Who Sees the Crisis That is Upon Us—The Social Reforms Demanding Attention—Some of the Characteristics of the Age, and What they Portend—This is the So-Called Heroic Age.

KINGSTON, Nov. 22.—(To the Editor) "The Politics of Labor" is the title of a recent book, the first important Canadian contribution to the discussion of the problem of to-day. Its author, Phillips Thompson, of Toronto, is well-known in labor circles. With voice and pen he has been striving for years to rouse attention to the coming crisis, and to direct to the study of principles and the search for remedial reforms. It will be of interest to those who know Mr. Thompson to have this full statement of his views. It will be of advantage to the general public, now partially awakened to a sense of danger by events and movements of unmistakable significance, to have the reasoned convictions and practical suggestions of this veteran observer of the times. It is a hopeful sign that we have a vigorous original thinker, who turns his energies to grapple with their social problem. It will be a more hopeful sign if we have a public ready to examine his reasoning dispassionately.

Mr. Thompson may be classed with the advanced school of labor reformers. He is an advocate of progressive state socialism. He would have the nationalization of land, through the intermediate step of shifting tones, on to land values, the nationalization of railways, telegraphs, telephones, banks of issue, oil and mining industries, and the gradual inclusion of associate industries into one grand system of governmental co-operation. With some of Mr. Thompson's proposals many readers may not at first agree, but they will find in him no visionary. With a warm heart and a keen sense of social might-be's, he has yet the patient, practical wisdom gained by wide historical reading, intimate knowledge of men, and long personal experience in the movement of social reform.

"I did not set out," he says, "to pen a 'Utopia' or 'New Atlantic,' to picture an ideal state of society based upon principles of abstract justice, with every detail of social adjustment set forth. There has perhaps been somewhat too much 'utopianizing' in the discussion of the industrial future. We want to consider not what would be absolutely the best and most perfect system to draft for an entirely new social state, but to take all existing conditions into account, and to indicate what general lines of action can be most successfully followed, what already existing streams of tendency can be taken advantage of to further our ends, and how apparently opposite and conflicting movements can be made to harmonize and converge, and every power which nature or social organization has placed in the hands of the people be utilized to its full extent in moulding the institution of a true industrial democracy."

To the consideration of some of his suggested reforms I may shortly return. For the present I would earnestly recommend the book to the most interested in social reform with the assurance that, besides the valuable scheme of progressive legislation which the author sketches out, the book is full of passages that fix the attention by their originality and depth of thought, their large, strong sympathy and their rare eloquence. Let me conclude with one stirring passage, to which the experience of most of us will respond: "Our politics, literature and society need the regenerating influence of a great cause. The decline of oratory and poetry and art, the dearth of anything like real leadership in public affairs, the absence of sincerity, simplicity and manliness, and the prevalence of cynicism and snobbery in the social life of the wealthy and educated class, show the need of an upheaval which will purify and ennoble the national life by the generous impulses and loftier ideals of the conflict."

"The world of society and culture is full of men and women, originally of good purposes and high motives, who have lost faith in themselves and in humanity. On entering life they had set their hearts on a 'career.' They resolved to achieve something beyond mere money-making. They had ideas above social frivolities and foibles. It was the dream of their youth to make a name for themselves in literature or art, to become the advocates of some great reform, to do their share in the work of popular enlightenment, to rouse and thrill the apathetic masses by their powerful appeals in speech or writing. They have failed, and disappointment has made them sour and morbid. They have quickly discovered on entering their chosen path that the way to real accomplishment was rough and steep, the reward scant and uncertain; and under the pressure, perhaps of necessity, perhaps of the influence of a sordid atmosphere, they have gradually sunk to the level of their surroundings. The high aims with which they set out have been forgotten in the struggle for temporary success and social position. The orator who was to have stirred the people by his fearless and forcible presentation of great truths has become the political huckster or the quibbling lawyer. The would-be poet or philosopher is a journalist whose pen is at the service of the highest bidder. The aspiring young woman who hoped to do for the oppressed of her own sex what Harriet Beecher Stowe did for the negro has become the leader of a 'society' clique. The ardent youths who, when at college, hoped to play leading parts on the stage of life, have developed into club-loungers and dilettanti, eaten up with ennui and discontent, railing at the barrenness and sordidness of the age, and the lack of opportunities for noble and heroic effort."

"The influence which shall breathe the breath of life into the dry bones of literature and scholarship must come from below; from the, as yet, largely inarticulate aspirations, hopes, and strivings of the people after fuller and juster conditions, an ampler life, a more sympathetic, fraternal, and comprehensive interpretation of democracy."

"Here and now is the heroic age! The social atmosphere is surcharged with the electricity of the coming storm. In the issue now presented, all for which the pioneers of freedom have fought and their martyrs suffered, converges and culminates. Last and crowning stage of the battle for human rights, what nobler, grander purpose could animate the lover of his kind? What loftier impulse stir the heart, inspire the brain, nerve the hand, or touch, as with a live coal from the altar of liberty, the lips, than the resolve to do and dare in such a cause?"—Yours truly, ROBERT BALMER.

Cured by E.B.B. Mr. Samuel Allan, of Lisle, Ont., states that he tried all the doctors in his locality while suffering for years with liver and kidney trouble; nothing benefited him until he took Burdock Blood Bitters, four bottles of which cured him.

Rest line of 12c. dress meltons in the city is at Laidlaw's.

THE KNIGHTS OF LABOUR.

A District Assembly to be Formed—The Movement in the Lehigh Valley.

Mr. Keys, the representative of the Canadian Workman, is still here. He attends all the meetings of the assemblies, and as an experienced knight has been heard to advantage.

The Mayflower assembly has appointed the first Monday in December for the discussion of female labour, and a member, one of the best writers in the city, will prepare a paper for the occasion.

The labour commission's circular will be discussed thoroughly, and the case of the workmen made as complete as possible for presentation to the commission when it meets in the city.

In accordance with the directions of the general assembly all the local assemblies must be attached to a district assembly. There is not a district assembly nearer than Toronto, and it is proposed to form one in the city, and to make the scheme feasible another assembly, composed of members, will be formed at once.

Frontenac assembly, on Friday night, further discussed industrial education, and passed a resolution commending the kindergarten to the consideration of the board. Last night the Mayflower assembly also endorsed the kindergarten system of education, and before the meeting of the school board it will have the approval, expressed by motion, of the other two assemblies.

Miscellaneous Labour Notes.

Five hundred coal miners have struck in Sharon, Pa.

The long continued strike of the shoemakers in Philadelphia is now definitely over.

The Miners' Federation and District Assembly knights of labour having united forces the 250,000 miners will present a united front in all action they may take hereafter.

The striking compositors of Rochester newspapers and job offices declared the strike off. Some of the strikers were taken back; the places of the greater number had been filled.

The knights of labour at Quebec are seeing that all their members pay their municipal taxes so that at the next elections they can make a clean sweep of what they call "Quebec's boodle ring."

The knights of labour along the Lehigh valley have begun a vigorous boycott against the Lehigh railroad company, in which the merchants of Freeland, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City, Ashland and other towns have joined.

The yardmen of the Southern Pacific railroad company, at Houston, Texas, struck demanding an increase in their wages of 25c. per day. Nine crews of switchmen are also on strike, and the company has declared their places vacant.

The Scotchmen Wake Up.

LONDON, Nov. 22.—The Scottish miners have resolved to work but five days a week and eight hours per day. They have also agreed to proclaim a national strike in Scotland if Robert Cunningham Graham, M.P., who was arrested during the London disturbance of the 14th inst., is sent to prison.

MARINE PARAGRAPHS.

Interesting Items Gathered Along the Harbour—Vessel Movements.

The prop. Armenia is loading barley for Oswego at Richardson's.

The prop. Shickluna is in port from Toledo with 16,450 bush. corn.

Capt. Gaskin purchased the damaged cargo of the Glenora for 25c. per bushel.

The steamer Hero brought seventy-five passengers from Bay of Quinte ports to the city to-day.

After the cargo of coal is discharged the Jessie H. Breck will go into winter quarters.

To-day the schr. B. W. Folger was towed to Portsmouth where she will be hauled out and repaired.

Navigation on the Rideau canal is nearly over for the season. A large number of the boats have tied up at Smith's Falls.

The prop. Dominion and schr. Augusta, laden with grain from Port Arthur for Richardson, are in the Sault Ste. Marie river.

The crew of the schr. Merritt will be paid off. The vessel will be taken in tow by the prop. Tilley, which arrives here in a few days.

Mr. Murphy, one of the crew of the schr. Glenora, is credited with having acted heroically during the recent gale, through which the vessel passed.

An unknown two-masted schooner is sunk in forty feet of water one mile and a half abreast of Kenosha, and fears are entertained that not a soul was saved of her crew.

Regarding the prop. Lake Ontario, libelled at Amherstburg, Capt. Patinaud says he ran into Amherstburg lake at night to coal up and as the customs office was closed, requested the wharf-keeper to report for him, but the latter failed to do so.

The schr. Watertown (owned by Folger Bros.) Detroit, with 20,000 bushels, has arrived en route to Ogdensburg. Capt. Beaure says he was on Lake Erie during last week's gale. His sails were split and some of her trimmings slightly damaged. He passed through all the heavy gales which have occurred this fall. Fortunately his vessel escaped being injured seriously. She is a good sea boat.

HE WAS NOT A VISITOR.

A Letter Was Evidently Written For a Purpose—It's Repudiation.

The Globe of Monday contained the following letter from one signing himself "A Visitor": "I visited the Kingston penitentiary a few days ago, and on my being shown around by an officer, in looking through the wing where all the convicts sleep I noticed a fearful odor. On asking where it came from, he showed me on what he called block A, at the end, two water-closets which had been built this summer, without any pipe to ventilate them, only a dozen round holes bored in the top and bottom of the doors. The stench from those closets was horrid, and the officer said on a rainy day and night they had to go and stand by an open window to get fresh air. I asked him why he did not complain about it and he changed the subject. That evening in the city I met an officer and asked him about it. He said it was terrible there at nights, but that all the officers were forbidden to talk about penitentiary affairs in the city, and said I must excuse him. I felt sorry for the man as he left me. He dared not express his opinion."

Warden Lavell has a suspicion that the letter was not written by "A Visitor" at all for the very reason that those shown through the building do not pass through the section indicated. He repudiates the statements made in the letter.

The Particulars Served.

Yesterday the particulars of the charges in the Kingston protested election case were filed and served upon the proper parties. There are about seventy distinct charges. The summonses in the case are now being served upon citizens. To-morrow an application will be made before Justice Patterson to enlarge the time for trial beyond six months.

Baby sleighs, at all prices, at 159 Princess street, M. Kirkpatrick's. Call and see them.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life—What the Public are Talking About—Nothing Escapes the Attention of Those Who are Takin' Notes.

Bargains in dress goods at Laidlaw's. Doran & Wright have opened a commission office in Guelph.

Gunner Ryder of "B" battery, a deserter, is under arrest at the barracks.

A young man, named Innis, was fined \$5 and costs for drunkenness this morning.

Mary Radley has purchased Cape Vincent property from E. C. Kelsey at a cost of \$3,700.

Dr. Garrett has removed his office and residence to 52 Johnston street opposite St. George's Cathedral.

F. J. Tallman, Seymour house, Ogdensburg, has purchased the hotel block for \$3,000.

The Canadian Express company has established several branch offices throughout Ottawa and Hull.

Breck & Booth's is the cheapest place for pine blocks, bunchwood, hard or soft wood, cut or un-cut.

Fine stock of children's sleighs just arrived at M. Kirkpatrick's, Princess street, above Bagot street.

Pure gold essences and spices are the best. You can get them in great variety at Hendry & Thompson's.

A petition for the repeal of the Scott act has been received by the secretary of state. It is signed by 6,833 electors.

Annual meeting of the Tam O'Shanter toboggan club this evening for the election of officers and other business.

A number of farmers were on the market this morning with sleighs. There is good sleeping on the roads outside the city.

For the best quality of Scranton stove coal, also for English (Newcastle) black smiths coal at lowest rates go to gas works coal yard.

The Bishop of Ontario confirmed thirty-one candidates at Brockville on Sunday. To-night he holds a confirmation service in All Saints' church.

At the meeting held on Sunday evening nine persons joined the Salvation army. There are now on the roll an hundred and thirty persons.

Who would be without a silver tea or coffee pot when you can get one with 10 lbs. of green or black tea, or for \$1.25 in money at Hendry & Thompson's.

Look out for counterfeit quarters. Bright new ones, with a good ring and deceptive appearance, are being put in circulation and taken at the stores.

The Smith's Falls people have, according to a despatch, undertaken the removal of Inspector of License Stafford, who is the worst enemy of the cause in the country.

All the papers which published the report of Mr. Cleary's alleged speech in Napanee have been called on to make explanations, and all but one have made them.

About five miles of rails have been laid on the Brockville & Westport railway from Newboro east, and about two miles from Lyn, in the direction of Newboro.

Just the thing for breakfast—wheat germ, rolled oats, cracked wheat, yellow maize, flaked maize, granulated oatmeal, with a cup of Hendry & Thompson's fragrant coffee.

Are free from all crude and irritating matter. Concentrated medicine only. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Very small; very easy to take; no pain; no griping; no purging. Try them.

Samuel Shaw, Deseronto, went to Mrs. Elizabeth Green, a debtor, to collect \$1.20. She threw him out and with a broomstick pounded him over the head. She was fined \$7 for her fun.

W. A. Gibson and Uriah Carson, Ottawa; Patrick Kirwin, Quebec; Louis Cote, St. Hyacinthe; H. A. McLean, London; are new appointees of the labor commission.

Try our dry edgings \$2.50 per cord; dry pine blocks \$3 per cord; dry oak cordwood, as good as ordinary hardwood \$3.50 per cord, delivered throughout the city. R. Crawford, foot of Queen street.

Wild ducks at Sodus bay have never been so plenty as this season. The bay has been literally black with birds, and farmers have feasted upon wild ducks and sent hundreds to market.

Sergeant-Major Morgans is now running regular classes in gymnastics in the roller rink. Two nights each week will be devoted to skating. Read advertisement in another column.

Chief Horsey has received a postal card from the chief of police of Los Angeles, asking for information regarding an actor named Leonard. If he is found he will hear something that will benefit him.

This afternoon the chimney of a dwelling occupied by Mrs. Jackson on Ordnance street caught fire, and before being extinguished burned a fireboard. The fire was out before the chemical engine reached the house.

The beautiful new church of St. Paul's, Fitzroy, was opened by the Bishop of Ontario on Nov. 15th. The building was designed by the incumbent, Rev. J. F. Snowden. The cost will be \$3,000, nearly all paid. There were 64 candidates for confirmation.

The absence of the post office box at the G.T.R. station is mournfully felt by many citizens who have important documents to be mailed. Nightly the G.T.R. agent is appealed to, to get the letters to the train, but he has to refuse because the government refused to continue its box there.

To-day the diocesan committees began their sessions in Synod hall, but so far nothing has been done that requires reporting. The canon proposed by Rev. C. L. Worrell, regarding the establishment of scholarships in connection with the divinity students' fund, is under revision. This evening a number of committees will be in session.

The Napanee council has closed a contract with Mr. Northey, Toronto, for waterworks. Thirty hydrants are to be put in, for which the town will pay annually \$1,500. The schedule of rates for water for household purposes is just fifteen per cent. in advance of those of Belleville, but a discount of 12 1/2 per cent. is made for prompt payment.

The Christmas number of Harper's Magazine is the finest yet published. The writers include T. B. Aldrich, W. D. Howells, Amelia Rives, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Charles Egbert Craddock, Frances Courtenay Bayler, Captain Charles King, George E. Kunz, F. W. Burbridge, Will Carleton, Harriet Lewis Bradley, Andrew Lang, William Black, George William Curtis, Charles Dudley Warner, Mark Twain, and Edward Everett Hale. The chief artists are E. A. Abbey, Alfred Parsons, Frederick Dielman, C. S. Reinhart, A. B. Frost, Gilbert Gaul, R. F. Zogbaum, and Frederick Barnard. Besides the multitude of small illustrations there are twenty-five full page ones, and all the stories are complete.

Laidlaw's for overstockings.

WIND CLOUDY SNOW

Weather Probabilities.

Fresh winds, generally fair and milder.