

A PASTOR TO A STUDENT.

BY REV. E. GREENWALD, D.D.

You are in the Seminary in order to study theology. Do not, in the meantime, neglect the cultivation of spiritual-mindedness. Let the heart be imbued with sound religion, at the same time that the head is stored with sound theology. How may this be done?

1. *Read the Word of God devoutly.* Read to enkindle devotion, as well as to increase knowledge. Read not only for the head, but also for the heart. Read to think, and likewise to feel. Feel in the heart what God speaks to the heart.

2. *Pray much.* Ora et labora. Praying and working must go together. Cultivate a devout spirit. Pray daily. Pray earnestly. Pray for yourself. Be fervent in prayer. He studies well who prays well.

3. *Be often alone.* Enter your closet, and shut the door. Solitude is needful. Alone, yet not alone. God is there.

4. *Examine yourself.* Prove your own self. Search your hidden motive—your defects—your secret sins. Know thyself.

5. *Live near to God.* Thy God sees thee. Be always in the fear of the Lord. Begin, spend, and close every day with God. Review each day as you would from your dying pillow. This day may be the last.

6. *Be like-minded with Christ.* Be pure as He was. Love as He loved. Hate sin as he hated it. Be lowly in heart as was Jesus. Put yourself at the foot of the cross. Let Christ live in you.

7. *Be self-sacrificing.* Deny thyself. Take up the cross. Renew daily your consecration to God. Feel that you are not your own, but God's. Love not the world, only Christ. Spend and be spent for Him who spent all for you.

8. *Magnify your office, not yourself.* Who is sufficient for these things? Rejoice with trembling. You are preparing to do, not your own work, but God's. Who can meet the responsibility? The Lord help you!

9. *Think of the value of souls.* Jesus died to save them. You go as Christ's messenger to preach to them salvation. Let the fire of true zeal burn in your heart. Because you love Christ love the souls for whom He died.

10. *Avoid unseemly levity.* Levity, like a canker, eats out true spirituality. A giddy mind is not a devout mind. Be cheerful, but not light-minded. Restrain the propensity to jesting. A clerical joker is not a grave divine. He is laughed at as a hypocrite by those with whom he laughs loudest. Unseemly mirth becomes a clown, not a minister. Be sober-minded, grave, of sound speech, a pattern of propriety, so that no evil thing may be said of you.

11. *Attend daily prayers.* Be never absent from them. Regard them as means of quickening devotion. Aid in carrying out their purpose. Join with fervor in the Scriptures read, the Hymns sung, the

Prayers offered. Come not to criticise, but to worship. Be there not so much to think as to feel.

12. *Worship with a particular church.* Take your certificate of church membership from your congregation at home, and become regularly connected with a local church in the city. Be a faithful member of it. Work with it in the Sunday School, in the choir, or in any other of its methods of church work. Particularly, commune regularly. Attend every preparatory service. Put yourself under the care of the pastor as any other member. Be an example of the believers.

STUDY MUSIC.

BY PROF. S. W. BUDD.

I.

In the ardor of strife for high theological attainments, the importance of the knowledge and practice of music appears to be often much underrated, and, consequently, too frequently neglected. Yet music may be made a powerful aid to the preaching of the Word, and the church in all ages has assigned to it a conspicuous place in her devotional exercises, acknowledging it as a most appropriate vehicle for prayer as well as praise. Its influence, with a subtle potency peculiar to itself, reaches the deepest recesses of the heart and leads captive those better feelings of our nature which, long smothered under the rubbish of grosser materials, quite evade the search of other agencies.

True, it is sometimes dragged into the presence of debauchery; but then it is like the snow smutched by the filth which it but partly covers, and is as inappropriate to the place as a crown of flowers at the funeral of an unrepentant felon. Intrinsicly, it is purifying and ennobling, and its cup of pleasure contains no poisonous dregs. Its companionship has been sought by the most profound thinkers, the most devoted saints. The kingly psalmist and the imprisoned apostle heard its voice as the voice of a comforter. The courageous soul of Luther gained additional strength from its inspiration, and it can hardly be doubted that many of those grand old strains that nerved him for his mighty conflict will live to cheer the Christian's heart so long as the very name of the great reformer is remembered. Milton, Puritan as he was, yet loved music with an ardent devotion; and the hymns of Charles Wesley, a musician in infancy, still vitalize the affections of thousands who do not even know the author's name.

These general recommendations to the study of music are supplemented by its special advantages to

the pastor. Debarred from some of the enjoyments permitted to his people, in this he may find a source of the purest and highest gratification; one which is present with him in his home, in the social circle and in the house of worship. It will render the pastor more independent of those persons, too numerous, alas! whose vanity prompts them to regard the choir as a place for display, and whose jealous bickerings so frequently bring discord into the church. On the part of the congregation, the very consciousness of his knowledge of music will render them more careful and yet more confident in the rendition of a most delightful portion of the sacred service. Is it not, then, well worth while to devote some attention to this study? The want of time cannot be considered a just objection; for, with the mere rudiments once mastered, the practice of this captivating art will prove a most acceptable rest from the severer duties of the Seminary. Begin, then, and learn to read music.

DR. KRAUTH ON READING THE BIBLE.

The following advice, given to theological students by Dr. Krauth over thirty years ago, is worthy of serious consideration:

"Take up the Bible with heart and soul, to study, comprehend, and be transformed by it. You have been reading it too long. No man has any business to read such a book. Read any other book, but don't read the Scriptures. 'Search the Scriptures,' says the Master. 'Eat the book,' said the angel. Make it your daily food. It is like the manna, of which no man could collect in one day more than he needed for the day. 'What help is it,' says Luther, 'that we have and hear the Scriptures so richly, and yet make no use of it?—like a maiden who sits with flowers springing all round her, yet breaks off none to weave herself a garland.' The picture of viands is as nutritious as food itself, to the eyes. A nosegay is as good as a ham, to smell. So if you read the Bible as you did that last novel, in which buzzard human depravity went masquerading in the plumes of a bird of Paradise, that novel which you were poring over in the day-time, when you ought to have been studying, and over whose villainous print, telling of villainous things, you were rimming your eyes with inflammation, when you should have been asleep,—if you read the Bible, I don't mean with as much interest, but with as little reflection as the novel—though it may still do you some good, though some holy thought may steal into your heart when you are unaware, some silver strain mingle itself with the jangling chords of your worldly mind, yet the benefits will be few; they will be naught to what you might have made them. You have passed all through Golconda, and have carried off nothing, except perchance some little diamond, which may have stuck to the sole of your shoe.

Give the nightingale stillness for her song. Make the hush of night in your soul, when God speaks. When His voice, mightier than the roar of waters, yet sweeter than the notes of Seraphim, comes forth, be not of those who say: 'It thunders,' but of those who hear its witness for His Son. Draw bounds around Horeb, when you commune with God, that no earthly thought breaks through; and when necessity compels you to descend again to the world, bear back the tables on your heart, lest from your hands, passions, not less powerful, but less sanctified than the wrath of Moses, dash them to the ground."

NOTES ON COMMENTARIES.

BY REV. R. F. WEIDNER.

III. *The Poetical Books of the Old Testament.* b) *The Book of Psalms.*

It is not the object of this article to discuss the value of the Psalms as a book of devotion and godly instruction, nor to present a full list of the *good* Commentaries which have been written on the Psalter, but to designate those works which above all others are necessary to its proper understanding.

1. CRITICAL. Nothing better can be recommended than the Commentaries of 1) *Delitzsch* (3 vols., \$9;) 2) *Hupfeld* (4 vols., \$9;) 3) *Jennings and Lowe* (2 vols., \$5). For depth and spiritual insight, *Delitzsch* excels all others. *Hupfeld's* in point of grammatical analysis, is by far the most masterly work ever published, but it is written from a very unsatisfactory point of theological standpoint, mainly in opposition to *Hengstenberg's* Commentary, which also holds a high place. *Hupfeld* has not yet been translated. For those who are beginning the study of the Psalms in Hebrew, we know of no better work than that of *Jennings and Lowe*.

2. CRITICAL AND POPULAR. Under this class we would embrace 1) *Moll's* Commentary in *Lange* (1 vol. \$5); 2) *Perowne* (2 vols. \$6.75); 3) *Murphy on Psalms* (1 vol. \$4).

These six works mentioned so far, are all of great value, and the critical student will not be satisfied until he has all of them in his library.

3. DEVOTIONAL. The first and most prominent place must be given to a *Comm. from Primitive and Mediæval Writers*, begun by *John Mason Neale*, and after his death completed by *Dr. Littledale* (4 vols., \$15). For popular use we know of no better *Comm.* than that of *Peter Young*, in the volume on *Poetical Books*, published by Soc. for Promoting Christian Knowledge (price \$1.50). A devotional *Comm. on the Psalms* to be put into the hands of every family in our Church, is one of the great wants of the Lutheran Church in America, and we know of no one better able to supply this great demand than *Dr. Jacobs*.

4. MISCELLANEOUS. For the benefit of those who are interested in the study of the Psalter, we herewith submit a list of some of the *best* books easily procurable, every one of which has special merits of its own. To save space the full titles are not given.

Alexander, J. A., *Commentary*;
Alexander, W., *Witness of Psalms to Christ*;
Augustine, *Expositions* (Lib. of Fathers);
Barnes, Albert, *Notes*;
Binnie, W., *The Psalms, their History, etc.*;
Cook and Elliott, in *Speaker's Comm.*;
Cowles, Henry, *Commentary*;
Ewald, *Poetical Books*;
Fausset, *Commentary*;
Horne, *Commentary* (devotional);
Kay, *Commentary*;
Luther, *Expositions*;
Olshausen, Justus, *Commentary*;
Phillips, *Commentary*;
Plumer, *Studies in the Psalms*;
Spurgeon, *The Treasury of David*;
Stier, *Comm. on 70 Psalms*;
Tholuck, *Commentary*;
Thrupp, *Introduction to Study of Psalms*;
Vincent, *Gates into the Psalm Country*;
Wordsworth, *Commentary*.

I.

The only blunder of many students in relation to the library is that they pass and re-pass it for four years without one serious effort to make it serviceable to themselves. It is to them little more than a blank. The present tendency is to drift away from the solid reading, which made the scholars of past generations, to the easy reproductions of thought in the newspapers and magazines. How many are satisfied with one or two reviews of a book, when the book itself is within their reach, and might far better speak for itself! Turning over books leisurely, and brooding over subjects till one grows familiar with the great authors of the past, and learns to love them, is seldom indulged in. If this generation fails to produce scholarship commensurate with its advantages, will it not be largely due to the frittering away of time (which might be spent on good authors) over carelessly written paragraphs on insignificant current events? A young man who is ashamed to be ignorant of the common newspaper gossip, who is ever placing the trifles of the present before the great events of the past, is never found hungering and thirsting for scholarship. He has little time and less disposition for thoughtful and protracted study of the masters. Instead of an intelligent and passionate longing to learn, he is a listless gazer at the backs of books. When he tries to look into one, his hand is paralyzed. They frighten him; the long rows bewilder him.

II.

On Saturdays comes the time for the library. At least half the faculty and a large percentage of the students make it regularly a rendezvous. The best work of the week is often done here. Curiosity begets inquiry; inquiry leads to research. With note book and pencil in hand, courses of reading and investigation are planned. These courses are based not wholly on opinions, but also upon personal examination of the books. Statements of teachers regarding books and authors are compared with books and authors themselves. Lists are made of books to be purchased by those who are soon to graduate. Themes for essays, etc., are brought in at this time for personal investigation. Scarcely a Saturday passes but every department in the Library is ransacked for its best material. Such investigation cannot fail to give the student much valuable knowledge, and, what is better, to develop a scholarly method.

—*Shreds cut off and woven together.*

THE STUDENT'S WORKSHOP.

The perplexed student of the times of the kings, named in Scripture, can for twenty-five cents obtain a chart that will show at a glance their inter-relations on one side, in parallel columns, the kings of Israel and Judah are given with figures in the centre showing centuries and decades, and frequent changes of color to indicate change of dynasty in the Israelitish Kingdom. The prophets are placed on the margin so as to show when and in what kingdom they prophesied. The other side outlines the history in a very concise but highly graphic and helpful way. Adams, Blackwell & Lyon, of Chicago, publish the chart, but it can be bought at the American Sunday-School Union. Its size is 12 by 15.

Yours, SLOWER, DULLER & SURER.

W. K. F.

FROM J. A. BENGEL.

A pastor must take special care of the "first and the last" of his flock (that is the young and the dying.)

Scepticism is the true spirit (genius) of our present age.

One clear telling proof from what is written, is of far greater value, than any argument from the natural light.

Accustom yourself to know and to treat Scripture not as a chance collection of writings, but as one organism (corpus), whose aim is Christ.

The man, who has not tasted the Word of God, does not know what true joy is.

What a rare thing in our days is a truly sober mind. How many different ideas pass through our heads in the course of a day, which we could well dispense with.

A self-conceited soul is necessarily an ignoble soul.

It is a great mistake to look upon gifts as if they were merits. They should rather keep us humble, in the thought that much more is entrusted to us than we deserve.

In the world "id agitur ut nihil agitur." It ought not to be so with ministers of the Church, that after all they have been doing, the real work of their calling should be left undone.

Truth is above every thing. Do not ask: What will men say to it?

—*For Indicator, gathered by Dr. Spaeth.*

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OUR students must in some respects be a long suffering and patiently suffering race. When the cold wave reached us, just after our last issue, the heaters gave us another proof that they are satisfactory in very mild weather. Despite all possible efforts on the part of the Janitor, many of the rooms were so cold that study was out of the question. When by dint of firing up and firing up, hot air was driven into our rooms, we enjoyed it, to find in a few hours that the condensed steam would not return to the boiler properly, and we were left to cool off. By the time the weather began to moderate, the heaters began to heat the building better, and a gentleman was around counting open windows, to show that it was our fault that we were cold, not the fault of the apparatus. It was the old story over again.

Last year we suffered patiently, while experiment after experiment was made; one day we were comfortable, the next day freezing. Thus it went on till the severe weather was over—when the job was pronounced finished. Soon after, we were asked whether our rooms were warm since the work was finished? We answered, yes! but the heaters had not been subjected to a zero temperature to test them.

Fortunately the present winter has been mild. Hence we have not suffered as we did last winter. Any one who will take the pains to learn how many of the students are suffering from colds, etc., will soon conclude that there is something wrong. We do not ask for luxurious rooms; but we do ask, as we have a right to ask, for comfortable rooms. If heaters will not make them comfortable, why not return to stoves, which will make them comfortable.

We have written this in no captious spirit, but because we believe the church has no one to blame but herself, if the ministry is weak and sickly, when three years in the Seminary leaves men in a worse physical condition than they were in when they entered, and because we believe we ought not to be made the unwilling victims of any man's experiments.

K.

LETTER FROM INDIA.

On the Godavery in India, 4th Jan. 1882.

TO THE INDICATOR:

With my heartfelt thanks for the Indicator, I wish to indicate to the Indicator, that here are many indications of the interest our churches now manifest in their foreign mission work. I want farther to indicate how appropriate it would be if the Heyer Mission Society, showed not only indications but also determinations to make all future ministers active members of that society. I would also propose that it provide not only the next missionary, and that very soon, but that it indicate to the Lutherans in Philadelphia that they, as they easily can do, build the next mission station in this district, so that the Indicator can give to the next missionary indications as to where the centre of his future work will be.

On the southern bank of the Godavery, ten miles above Rajahmundry, is a district-magistrate, headquarters of police, dispensary, etc., etc. The first converts were baptized at the end of last year; but the beginning is very encouraging. A very suitable piece of ground for a mission station, was offered to us at a reasonable price and Artman and myself deem it very necessary to buy it, as this seems to be the natural centre for the next mission station. The Baptists tried last year to get an entrance here but could get no land. We have worked a long time in this region, and begin to harvest now. If we do not get a firm footing here the Baptists will come into our work. All this indicates that we should not miss this opportunity, and our experience indicates that a station should be prepared for the next missionary before he comes. Allow me therefore to indicate that the help of the Heyer Mission Society, and the Indicator will be very acceptable.

Trusting that my indications will not be taken amiss, I remain,

Yours, fraternally,

H. C. SCHMIDT.

THE SOUL OF CHRISTIANITY.

All religions have a body—only one has a soul. All religions, save one, are the work of man. He can give form and figure. At his touch men and angels stand up out of the mass of marble, but like his religions, they are soul-less. It is said that Prometheus made men of clay, but got their souls from heaven. The difference between Christianity and all other religions is the same as that between the work of God and the work of man. Man can form, but he can not inbreathe. The statue in Fairmount Park is but a faint echo of Lincoln. His features, "rough hewn as they were," constituted a temple where spirit and matter wedded. The Christian, is the only religion that has the inbreathing of heaven. It, like man, was made in the image and likeness of God; all others are images "made like to corruptible man." Because Christianity has a soul, it has come through fire and flood without finding a grave, for man can kill the body only.

What is its soul? Is it massive churches, seminaries, eloquent sermons? These are only its effects crystalized into the graces of art and the poetry of thought. Its soul is *missionary work of love*. Every road led to Rome. Every index hand in Christianity

leth is: "Go." The "amplius" of Xavier was a true exponent of Christianity. The abuse of it was his own mistake.

The Father's first act to save the world was a *missionary* act. He *sent* His Son. The missionary work inaugurated by a child of Heaven! Antioch gave Christianity its name but Heaven gave it its spirit. The Son's valedictory was, "As my Father hath *sent* me, even so *send* I you." Christianity is a *sending*. The best Christians have been the best missionaries. Wasn't Paul a good Christian? He was equally as good a missionary. He didn't stay at Ephesus, or Corinth, or Antioch. Read his history in Acts. To try to be a Christian without being interested in others is a vain attempt. "Where is thy brother?" is a universal question coming from the lips of Christianity.

"Speak to the earth and it shall teach thee."

Missionary work every where; no place where its voice is not heard. The sun sends its light; the flower freights the ships of the air with its perfume. The brook sends to the river, the river to the ocean, the ocean to the clouds, the clouds to the thirsty earth. A cycle of sending. Christ's work as Creator, and as Saviour, is not in conflict.

Missionary societies are celestial centres on earth. They are the pulsations of the soul of Christianity. Not all sending is Christian, but all Christian is sending. Test: we must so *love* that we *send*. That "far country" is sin. Those that inhabit it are your neighbors—your children. Send them the Gospel. Give! Send! Go! The missionary work belongs to the pew as well as to the pulpit, for it is the very soul of Christianity.

RUBUS.

ITEMS.

Editorial.—Every year Prof. Tyler used to devote an hour or two in class to reading Dr. Krauth's address on the Bible. It is the conclusion of that address which we publish this month.

—Next month, the Library will acknowledge books received.

—Next month Prof. Budd will give a few valuable practical hints on the study of music. Don't grow cold before they come.

—Dr. Morris has kindly sent his "Young and German Luther" to the Indicator. In reading it we rejoiced that we were young.

—The Seminary students have held several important meetings, at which matters involving the future welfare of the Indicator, were discussed and acted upon. Full particulars next month.

—Dr. Spaeth informs us that *the* edition of Luther's Works, will now be published in Germany. The Emperor will salary Dr. Knaake, who promises to finish his undertaking in twelve years.

—In quite a number of instances, subscribers have failed to receive their Indicator. We don't think we are careless, and we try to lay all blame on the post-masters. But, no matter where the blame lies, you

do not receive your due, if the paper fails to reach you. Therefore don't be afraid to send us a good-natured growl, as soon as you catch us napping.

—The spheres of the Alumni Record and of the Indicator undoubtedly overlap. In our view and in the view of many of the Alumni, their union would mean strength. But the men who usually get out the Record say it will be impossible to make any attempt at combination before the next meeting of the Alumni. By that time most of the editors of the Indicator will have left the city, and all the labor of getting out the last number will devolve upon a few. This sacrifice the few would be willing to make, if only they could be assured that their waiting will not be in vain. Alumni, what shall we do?

Seminary.—McCready has had his first sleigh ride.

—Missionary Artman, has preached his first sermon in Telugu.

—Of the Alumni, Rev. J. A. Sheffer of Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, has visited the seminary.

—The students elected a new post-master the other day, as a Middleman said, *non contradicente*.

—For the information of those whom it interests we put here the address of the Seminary. It is '212 and 214 Franklin street' not 216 and 218.

—Some one has said that marriage may be regarded as a sacrament, because it brings many men to repentance. *Senior Class Room.*

—New quizzes among students are, Seniors in Isagogics—Durst, Conrad, Knapp, and Shanor; Middlemen in Hebrew—Esbjorn, Sandt, and Schmauk.

—The man who retires early made a mistake a short time ago. Hearing the eleven o'clock P. M. bell he arose and after dressing began to grumble because the Executive Committee was so slow in turning on the gas.

—Professor (demonstrating that his class have souls):—"The expression of your faces proves it, seeing your emotions, your *intelligence*"—here some of the students smiled dubiously, while others seriously thought no better proof could be found.

—The Cumberland Street Mission Sunday-School (German), which is connected with Dr. Spaeth's church, has been making remarkable progress under the superintendence of Stupp. The Sunday-school was opened in the beginning of December with about 18 persons on the roll. Now it numbers 75 scholars and 10 teachers.

—The Seminary sick-list is unusually large:—

Wetzler left for home, showing symptoms of typhoid fever. Sandt is at home, and will not return this term—health broken down. Umbenhen was compelled to leave with an affection of the bronchial tubes. Markley is suffering from pleurisy and has gone home. Conrad and Klingler have had abscesses

of their teeth. Bernd, Veisley, and Voigt have also been failing in health.

—At the February meeting of the F. H. M. Society, very interesting and instructive reports were presented by the Foreign and the Home Mission Committee. Rev. Cassaday drew attention to a certain Sunday School project in the lower part of the city and asked that a committee to secure teachers and to care for Lutheran interests be appointed by the Society. So earnest was the debate upon these remarks—some maintaining that this was a “call from the Lord,” others that this society should be cautious before it acts—so conscientious and persistent were the parties that, when the gas was suddenly extinguished all over the building, and the meeting was left in the dark, there was not a moment's pause in the proceedings. The president tried to call the question by candle light but a motion to adjourn was carried.

Augustana.—A living fox was presented to the College by a student during the fall term. The fox is in good health, and is the object of much attention. The professor of Natural Science, Dr. J. Lindahl, Off. d'Ac., R. N. O., requests more contributions for a “zoological garden.”

—The library contains about 10,200 books and pamphlets. The President, Rev. Prof. Hasselquist, D. D., lately presented a collection of about a hundred volumes.

—The late Rev. Prof. H. Reck, A. M. († Oct. 27 last), in his will, expresses confidence in the doctrines of the Lutheran Church, as set forth in the Augsburg Confession, and Luther's Minor Catechism, and his children shall be brought up in the same faith.

—At the beginning of the term, 19 new-comers applied for admission, and the number has been somewhat increased by later arrivals.

—During the past year a course of lectures, delivered before the students by members of the Faculty, was instituted. A similar course for the coming winter and spring terms was opened by an introductory lecture by the President, Dr. Hasselquist, on the evening of the 8th inst. Topics are generally drawn from Literature, History, Natural Science or Christian Ethics.

—Mr. & Mrs. Hasselquist, of Kan., have been spending a few weeks in their old home at college. Mr. Hasselquist is a graduate of this college, and son of the venerable President of the institution.

Gustavus Adolphus, St. Peter, Minn.—We pity you folks in the east. We are having fine spring weather. Farmers are speaking of beginning to plow. You seem to have “blizzards.”

—The students have organized four companies for military drill and practice every evening on the prairie.

—This week (Feb. 7) some kind friends in Dakota sent us two dozen chickens, which were greatly relished.

—The warm weather has played the mischief with some of the boys. They forgot that it was still winter, and exposed themselves too freely; consequence, colds. In general, the health is good.

—On account of the number of students, and limited capacity of the south-western church, the English Bible Class, numbering about 40 young men and women, meets every Sunday afternoon in the chapel of the College.

Gettysburg.—The College will soon complete the fiftieth year of its existence as a chartered institution. It is proposed to celebrate the event by publishing a “Pennsylvania College Book,” and raising a fund for some college purpose.

—The College Monthly believes the next catalogue will show over 170 names.

Thiel.—Founder's day was duly celebrated February 2nd. Rev. F. Richards delivered a most excellent address on Education Divine.

—“Concordia Hall” has been receiving the attention of the Building Committee, and looms up on paper, a three story brick with wing for preparatory department, library and museum.

—President Roth on Founder's day broadly hinted to the citizens of Greenville that they would be permitted to show their liberality in putting up a Ladies' Hall.

Muhlenberg.—Muhlenberg items are scarce—so is the sleighing—more so are the small pox cases, only five of which are left.

—Three seniors are accused in the town papers of having taken young ladies out sleighing, via L. V. R. to Easton. Couldn't get a team, you know, but bound to go anyhow.

—The freshmen went sleighing also as a class—were awfully sleepy next morning at recitation. Too young, you see, to lose so much rest.

—The great question is: Who sent me that valentine?

—February 13th, Dr. Morris of Baltimore, gave us an interesting lecture upon the Wonders of the Microscope, followed by an illustration of the possibilities of Elocutionary Imitation. House full again in spite of bad weather.

—February 20th, Dr. B. M. Schmucker is to follow on “Books,” with sundry others at a week's interval.

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