

THE BOOK SHELF.

[Conducted by ALBERT LEE, '91.]

"Svengali's Diary."

It seemed as if the Trilby craze had died out, and that the collectors of Trilbyana must have gotten all the fish there was to come to their nets, but here is Mr. Alfred Welch, who gives us "Svengali's Diary" (New York: Henry Holt & Co.) in a little book which masquerades as a translation. As may be imagined from the title the work claims to be a transcript of the private and personal thoughts of the great Svengali, and Mr. Welch's attempt has been to make the spider less of an ogre than Mr. Du Maurier led us to suppose he was. The book is interesting in a way, for it shows how "facts" in fiction, like facts in real life, may be distorted so as to be made to serve almost every purpose, and so, as a "tour de force," the little diary is at least amusing. Is there anything more left in "Trilby" for the enterprising scribbler to twist a penny out of? Has anyone yet suggested the theme of "Taffy's Autobiography" or "The Reminiscences of Trilby's boot maker?"

"Cap and Gown."

A second collection of verse under the same title of "Cap and Gown" has been made by Mr. F. L. Knowles (Boston: L. C. Page & Co.), and, like the first, it will probably prove of more interest to the men whose names appear within its pages,—not least Mr. Knowles himself—than to anyone else. In the "prefatory note" there are a few sentences that may justly claim a moment's attention from those of us who are interested in undergraduate literary work. Mr. Knowles tells us that upon investigation he finds the undergraduate poet to have a fondness for the sonnet, but a lack of success in writing it. The French forms of light verse are popular,—particularly the rondeau, ballade, and triolet. Further, purely sentimental verse is little written in women's colleges, its place being taken by poetry of nature or of reflection. Finally Mr. Knowles says that he will feel disappointed if the reader does not discover "touches of genuine poetry" in the little book he has compiled. Each author quoted will no doubt find a touch.

Notes.

Professor Lorenzo Sears, L. H. D., '61, is just revising the proof sheets of a new book on oratory called "The Occasional Address; its Literature and Composition." This book is inscribed to Professor Sears' classmate, Professor Simeon E. Baldwin of the Law School. The work is entitled a study in demonstrative oratory and presents from the analytic and synthetic points of view, the requirements for the occasional address. Professor Sears' book, "The History of Oratory," has already been noticed in the columns of the Weekly as a valuable contribution to the subject.

Two books of unusual interest to college men will be published immediately by the Fleming H. Revell Company. One is entitled, "Strategic Points in the World's Conquest; the Universities and Colleges as related to the Progress of Christianity." Its author is Mr. John R. Mott. The other book is, "The Culture of Christian Manhood: Sunday Mornings in Battell Chapel, Yale University," collected and arranged by Mr. W. H. Sallmon. The list of preachers includes the names of the Rev. Drs. Charles Cuthbert Hall, Alexander McKenzie, A. H. Bradford, D. J. Burrell, George Harris, W. R. Richards, Henry van Dyke, L. O. Brastow, T. S. Hamlin, J. H. Vincent, M. A. Stryker, G. T. Purves, J. H. Twichell, J. G. K. McClure, S. E. Herrick and George A. Gordon.

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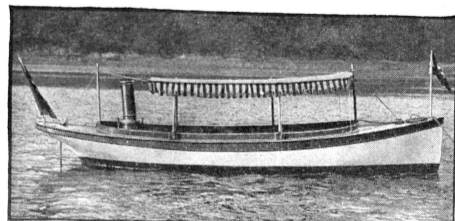
Applications will not be received before June 15. Applications will then be received until the demand has equalled the supply, and after that no more applications will be received. The Weekly will try to notify all applicants whose applications are received too late. Tickets will be drawn by lot, and few will be able to get what they want. Tickets will be sent out in about two weeks.

The Outlook for Next Saturday.

At present writing it is hard to tell who will represent Yale behind the bat against Princeton next Saturday. Murphy has left the squad permanently, being forced to this action by the press of his duties as business manager of the News, by the unusual demands of his special studies and by other work. Goodwin cannot possibly put on his ball clothes again for several days to come, although he is recovering satisfactorily from his recent attack of appendicitis. Sullivan has joined the University squad, being recommended by a good record on the Freshman team. He seems the most likely man for the place. De Forest and Bartlett are still practicing with the University men.

Greenway has been practicing hard during the early part of the week, with the idea of easing off considerably on Thursday and Friday. He will undoubtedly be in better form by Saturday than he was last week. If this is the case, and if a satisfactory catcher can be found, Yale's chances for playing good ball are excellent. The team, as a whole, can play better ball in the field than was shown last Saturday, and their batting should be fully as good. Wilson has proved totally ineffective again them, and Jayne was hit 10 times with a total of 15 bases. In case Greenway shows signs of weakening, Hamlin will probably be substituted in his place.

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