

Berzelius Club.

Almost a hundred students and instructors formed the attentive audience of Dr. Marshall of the University of Pennsylvania, last Friday evening. "The Rattlesnake" was the subject of the lecture, and the manner in which the habits and peculiarities of this dreaded serpent were set forth made the remarks instructive as well as interesting. Many of the popular beliefs, such as the age of the snake being denoted by the number of rattles and the ability of the reptile to charm, were entirely discredited by the lecturer as were many ideas of antidotes, including the famous "whiskey remedy."

The history of the chemical investigations of the venom of the rattlesnake was briefly outlined with a short description of the most important results obtained. Dr. Marshall, in his efforts to unravel the toxic principle, has made a close study of the rattlesnake and its venom, and has conducted a number of chemical investigations, the results of some of which are not yet entirely understood. During the smoker, which immediately followed, those present were formally introduced to Dr. Marshall, who between puffs answered all questions in regard to the theme of the evening.

The Berzelius Club is to be congratulated on its success in having obtained Dr. Marshall for this occasion. Such addresses tend to increase the usefulness of the club and to make its proceedings more and more attractive to every member.

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