

Tennyson, again and again, refers to this function of versifying; as explicitly in song v as anywhere:

But for the unquiet heart and brain,
An Ease in measured language lies;
The sad mechanic exercise,
Like dull narcotics, numbing pain.

It is, perhaps, when we read the wail of Milton in the lines:

Ay me! whilst thee the shores and sounding
seas
Wash far away, where'er thy bones are
hurl'd,

And when we note the horrid incertitude of his "where'er" that we appreciate best the satisfaction of Tennyson that Arthur Hallam was asleep on English soil:

Oh to us,
The fools of habit, sweeter seems
To rest beneath the clover sod,
That takes the sunshine and the rains,
Or where the kneeling hamlet drains
The chalice of the grapes of God;
Than if with thee the roaring wells
Should gulf him fathom-deep in brine;
And hands so often clasped in mine,
Should toss with tangle and with shells.

The last stanza is especially impressive when put alongside of Milton's. It is rather surprising that Tennyson did not see fit to follow Milton in the occasional use of the rhymeless line—a device, which in the hands of the older poet, proved to be in powerful accord with the spirit of the elegy.

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LOCAL NEWS

The Literary Society have elected the following officers for the fall term of '98: President, T. D. Brown; vice-president, Miss S. Ruttan; treasurer, R. Tate; secretary, S. R. Laidlaw; councillors, Miss E. Middlemiss and A. Lousley; leader of the Glee Club, J. L. Veale. The secretary appointed has since resigned, which will necessitate a new election for that position. If this position is filled by as competent a person as the rest of the positions are, there is no doubt that the success of the Literary Society's meetings for the coming term is assured.

Now that the Rugby season is approaching we trust that our athletic

editor, who has been indisposed for some two or three months, has sufficiently recovered to be able to give us a few paragraphs on the prospects for Wesley in the Spring series. We trust also that as the season advances he will so far recover as to be able to write up the accounts of at least Wesley's matches in the series.

Spring weather has arrived and with it an abundance of that gluey substance which has made itself famous under the name of Winnipeg mud. It is to be hoped that the ladies and gentlemen who are entering the classic halls of Wesley "will exercise a little care and thoughtful-