

ants, as the French call them,—ghosts seeking a return to the land of the living for a restoration so affectionately looked forward to by numberless well-wishers.

SOME SEX-AMETERS.

*Softly the sunbeams were gilding the sky-kissing spires of Toronto,
But dimly that sunlight illumined the nook of a boarding-school class-room,—
A place where young ladies are taught the mysteries deep of the "ologies,"
Instructed by Madame De Smythe and a competent staff of professors.
There, manners and music are taught, the secret of entering a ball-room,
French verbs and the "use of the globes," piano, jews-harp, and the banjo;
As well as the art of employing a fan in the lightsome flirtation.
Madame De Smythe of all others is skilled in the art of instructing
Her pupils to tilt, *comme il faut*, the brim of their Thomas O'Shanters,
And the use of the dark belladonna, and other enchanting cosmetics.
Deep in the darkest nook of the dusty and little-used schoolroom
A bevy of damosels sat, and eagerly read from a paper.
Lovely of aspect were they, arrayed in their powder and war-paint,
And dressed with elaborate care in jaunty and jubilant jerseys.
Beautiful Bertha Van Horn (old Isaac Van Horn's a distiller),
Read from the paper aloud in accents as sweet as molasses:—
"This subject at present engages, not only the minds of the learned,
Who've studied at Colleges great, but also the minds of the stupid.
What shall we do when the doors, which of old were closed in their faces,
Shall open with magical speed for the feet of omnipotent women?
What, let us ask, shall be done for the co-education of sexes?
Men from the earliest ages have grasped, with a tenure exclusive,
The avenues leading to lore, and the higher departments of learning.
Shall all academical halls in future be barred to the woman?
Would not the sound of the sibilant kiss and the giggling laugh of flirtation
Roll through the time-honored halls of the reverend fountains of learning?
(Objections like this will be made by none but by insolent numskulls).
Would not the song and the dance resound through the corridors nightly?
(We don't object to the same in decent and proper proportions).
Would not the sleep of the student, and eke of the prosy professors,
Nightly be broken in twain by the note of the bold seranader?
(We're sorry, of course, we admit, for such very unfortunate sluggards)
"Live and let live," is a motto, a novel, methodical maxim;
"Learn and let learn," is another, let's try it,—the sooner the better."
Thus was she reading aloud from one of the 'Varsity's pages,
And all of the damosels sat in wrapt and becoming attention.
Beautiful Bertha Van Horn, then pausing—for thus she had ended—
Settled her collar, and said, "Darlings, what are your opinions?"
Murmurs of modest delight broke from the elegant listeners,
Ripples of ecstasy rolled from their jaunty and jubilant jerseys;
Eyes that were sparkling with joy beamed 'neath the Thomas O'Shanters.
Pretty Miss Sweetie Delisle remarked in the stageyist whisper—
"Darlingest Bertha Van Horn! That would be too awfully jolly!"
Smirking Maria Fitzsham observed, as she toyed with her earring,
"Dear little Sweetie Delisle, it would be most awfully charming!"
"No," said Miss Julia Green, "charming is not the expression,
'T would be quite a foretaste of heaven, too sweet for anything, really."
"Heavenly! yes, it would be," sighed little Miss Delia Spriggins.
Beautiful Bertha Van Horn remarked with unusual feeling:—
"Strange that you've echoed so well my private and earnest opinions.
"Isn't it just like the men? So mean, and so base, and so selfish!
"Keeping us out of doors and apart from Collegiate training?
"But open they must, and they shall, and "don't" for a minute "forget it."*

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THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

With a large surplus in the Treasurer's hands, with the greater part of a large coal bill off their minds, and with seats for a second assembly-room provided by a fortunate accident, without extra expense, the new House-Committee, when once properly constituted, may be able to carry out some improvements in the somewhat dilapidated building, still nameless, of which they are tenants. The halls and rooms want painting badly, as well as the shutters; and the former reading-room requires a new floor as well as paint. These are necessary improvements. It was hoped, however, that the possession of a building of their own would make the Society, to a greater extent than has hitherto been the case, an institution for the promotion of social intercourse among the students. Not even the resident students have the privilege of a large common room in which they can meet for such a purpose, and sociability is a virtue, I fear, but little practised among our undergraduates.

The building, in its present state, is anything but attractive from this point of view; but, at a slight cost, a very comfortable parlor might be made, where friends could meet for a quiet chat—and perhaps the authorities might even wink at a smoking-room. Laval University has a bagatelle-table in its recreation-room, and some game, innocent of evil association, might be permitted and provided for.

I am satisfied that, by an appeal of the right sort to the ex-president and graduates, a great deal might be done towards making the home of the Society more attractive than it is. Some might contribute portraits of themselves, or of other less distinguished individuals; others might be induced to contribute busts or statuettes in "parian" of Shakspeare, Milton and other men distinguished in literature, science or art. Surely gifts of this sort, which would remain in one fixed abode, would seem less unprofitable to the donors than prizes for games, etc., which are carried out of sight, and are, I suspect, soon out of mind as well.

One more suggestion, and I have done. The Society has no official critic, and the advisability of electing one is questionable. But it seems

to me that a column of judicious criticism on the debates, carefully kept free from all personalities, from the hand of some competent member of the VARSITY staff, would form a not uninteresting or useless addition to that paper.

X. P.

VARSITY SPORT.

—As night closed in on Thursday with heavy rain and a particularly ominous-looking sky, the spirits of those who were to take an active interest in the sports must have fallen to zero; but with the next dawn all anxiety on the score of the weather was dispelled. A better dawn could not have been made for the purpose; it was warm enough to be comfortable for both spectators and participants. The beautiful green was crowded with spectators, some on foot, and some in "chariots of state," but all in a good humor and anticipating good sport. The fair sex certainly were in the majority, but then what more cheering to the heart of an undergraduate than to dare and do before the eyes of his "heart's delight?" Seldom has such an attendance been seen at our Annual Field Day. There were present all classes of society, even down to the inevitable small boy, ever on the *qui vive* to gather up the spoils in the shape of the little flags, with which the energetic committee of ways and means had decorated the course. Everything passed off smoothly with the exception of the tug-of-war. A slight hitch occurred here, one of the teams not being at the scratch when wanted. The races, as a whole, were well contested; but there was certainly not enough competition for Residence prizes. There should surely be some regulation in future years, as to the number of residents who must compete before a Residence prize will be given, or else Residence prizes should be abolished, as at present they fall to the grasp of men who have "cheek" enough to trot around about two laps in the rear of all other competitors. It is not only ludicrous to see one man so trotting around the course, "to rope in" a Residence prize, but it is also a lasting reproach on the proverbial industry and energy of Residence men, to allow their prizes, which, by the way, are generally the best, to be won with such pronounced languor. His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, Mrs. and the Misses Robinson, graced the grounds with their presence, and Mrs. Robinson, at the conclusion of the day, presented the prizes, in Convocation Hall. Professor Pike, Professor Hutton, Mr. Baker and Mr. McCaul acted as judges; Mr. Vines, Mr. Pernet and Mr. McDougall were the starters; and Mr. McMurrich kept the time. Thanks are due to these gentlemen for the entirely satisfactory way in which they performed their duties. By the kind permission of Lieutenant-Colonel Otter the band of the Queen's Own Rifles played during the afternoon. The following is the list of the races and the winners:—1. Mile Race, 1st, T. L. Morris; 2nd, G. G. S. Lindsey; Residence prize, F. A. G. Lawrence. Time 5 min. 10 sec. 2. Flat Race, (100 yards,) 1st, A. V. Lee; 2nd, D. C. Little; Residence Prize, E. Mackay. Time, 10 3/4 sec. 3. Graduates' Race, (220 yards,) 1st, F. W. A. G. Haultain, B. A.; 2nd, D. Hague, B. A. Time, 25 sec. 4. Half Mile Race, 1st, W. George; 2nd, G. Gordon; Residence Prize, J. A. McAndrew. Time, 2.23. 5. Hurdle Race, (220 yards,) 1st, A. V. Lee; 2nd, D. C. Little. Time, 22 sec. 6. Stranger's Race, (Quarter Mile,) 1st W. Bennett; 2nd, W. Gerry. Time, 57 sec. 7. Tug-of-War, (final tie) 4th year, Messrs. Armour, Blake, McAndrew and Stewart. 8. Half mile race, (open to undergraduates of Canadian Universities,) 1st, T. L. Morris; (Toronto) 2nd, W. George, (Toronto.) Time, 2.27. 9. Quarter mile race, champion cup presented by Mrs. Robinson, 1st, A. V. Lee; 2nd, E. McKay. Time, 56 sec. 10. Consolation race, (220 yards,) 1st, D. O. Cameron; 2nd, H. B. Wright, (Residence Prize Cake.)

—Harvard has sent a liberal invitation to the Rugby Club of University College. The success of last year's venture with the University of Michigan prompted the wish to test further the ability of other Foot-ball Clubs of the United States. This laudable design took the form of the challenge to Harvard, and an answer of acceptance comes, bringing with it a promise of \$200 as a contribution towards the expenses of a trip to Boston. The offer is handsome, and the prospect is delightful; but the team should allow neither of these reasons to betray them into a match with so famous a team unless there is reasonable hope of success. The condition of the players is at present deplorable, and their knowledge of the rules of the open formation is very limited. One of the stipulations is that the match shall be played on or before the 30th of the present month. As the interval is so short, the least violent of the severe methods of training should be resorted to. One or two hare and hounds would go far to strengthen the limbs and expand the lungs of the players.

—The batallion rifle matches of the Queen's Own were concluded on Saturday last. The University Company was fairly represented in the prize list, Private Tyrrell being 13th, with 55 points; (highest possible 75) Sergeant Ruttan, 20th, with 55, and Private Hagarty, 24th, with 53. In the non-prizeman's competition, Color Sergeant McDougall was 7th, with 20 points, and Private Hagarty, 9th, with the same score. Sergeant Ruttan wins the Barber medal for judging distance.