

"In Memoriam," and "Maud" opened up new fields of delight, and several conscientious little members, who had embarked on their literary studies from a sense of duty, found these becoming a source of the purest pleasure.

Several excellent papers were read at each meeting, showing earnest study and a keen appreciation of beautiful thoughts and noble ideas. Occasionally the proceedings were varied by songs composed by the author under discussion; scenes acted in costume, or "quotation competitions."

At Easter-tide the Bishop delivered a most interesting lecture on "The England of Shakespeare"—his allusions and quotations making one long for a more intimate acquaintance with the works of the immortal bard. At the close of the lecture the Bishop kindly favored us with a little "literary talk," offering many helpful suggestions for future reading.

This function formed a fitting finale to our meetings for the term. Out-door amusements are now in full sway and preparations for different examinations absorb every spare minute, so that literary inclinations are rarely indulged except on Sundays, when our "library" is freely patronised. One of the objects of our Society was to raise funds to form a library, but as all Club fees, for various reasons, are purely voluntary, contributions from this source have not been numerous. However, the modest sum realised has been expended in standard works—Ruskin, Kingsley, Thackeray, Browning, etc., which it is hoped may prove interesting reading for successive generations of school girls.

Possibly some generous benefactor may be moved to assist us financially and enable us to put the Library on a basis more in keeping with our ambitious aims.

So much for the past. Little accomplished in comparison to all we had hoped to do, but at least a beginning has been made and in spite of inevitable drawbacks and disappointments, there are evidences among many of the members of a genuine interest in high-class literature, a growing distaste for "trashy" books and magazines, and a more critical judgment of modern works.

One may hope that this brief taste of the "magic founts of Parnassus" may lead our girls to crave for more satisfying draughts and that the companionship of great minds may develop a cultivated taste for all that is elevating and ennobling.

As to the future of our Club—its success must depend largely upon individual effort as well as on mutual esprit de corps. We have every confidence that faithful devotion to its interests and constant effort on the part of officers and members to uphold its aims, must result in extending its influence more widely, for—"Lofty designs must close in like effects."

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