

The league standing this year is as follows:—

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| 1. Dalhousie..... | 8 points. |
| 2. { Academy
Y. M. C. A. } | 4 " |
| 3. { Wanderers
Columbias..... | 0 " |

From this it will be seen that we have advanced a place on the position of the last two years. We will make a bold try to land on top in '98. Most of our old players will still be with us, and there is plenty of new blood. We must get to work earlier next year, and play more games before the league matches are on. We must even play games with some of the teams of the senior league. We succeeded in securing the Y. M. C. A. grounds for two days in the week, but it was not until after we had lost two games, so let us resolve now to get to work as early as possible in the season of '98, and although conjecture is useless, I feel that we will be nearer than ever to the coveted trophy.

GEORGE CAMPBELL.

THE GIRLS' LITERARY CLUB.

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| Hon. Presidents..... | { MISS MACKINTOSH AND
MISS PETERS. |
| President..... | MISS ETHEL BOREHAM. |
| Vice-Presidents..... | { MISS NELLIE CHAPMAN AND
MISS CLARA MILLER. |
| Secretary..... | MISS WINNIE KONROD. |



LITERARY Clubs are generally composed of people who are anxious to improve their taste for literature. It was for exactly the same purpose that the girls of the Halifax Co. Academy, undertook to form a club, bearing the name of "The Girls' Literary Club." Besides wishing to improve their knowledge of English,

they were desirous of cultivating their talent for Music and Elocution, of bringing the members of the different classes on a nearer footing, and thus making them better acquainted with one another.

The first meeting of the Club was held last year, in October, and the meetings were adjourned shortly before the mid-summer examinations.

The Club was a complete success, and it was with great pleasure that the pupils looked forward to the meetings, as although last year was the first, the society has already done for its members a great deal of good.

The programmes for the different meetings were varied and interesting. For instance, there were addresses by three distinguished women, musical programmes, discussions

on different authors, and original papers. The debates, particularly, did a great deal of good, as besides giving information to all, they greatly improved the elocutionary powers of those who took part in them; not only helping to speak in an easy and intelligent manner, but giving confidence to those who are naturally timid and who had hitherto never spoken before an audience. Several debates were held last year, all of them very interesting.

Afternoons with the best authors, ancient and modern, perhaps did more towards developing a knowledge of literature than any other topic. Besides discussing their lives, several characteristic selections were read, which were then open to the criticisms of the members of the club.

The musical afternoons were a very pleasant change from debates, and literary programmes, and helped to improve the talents of those girls, who would perhaps otherwise not have had the chance.

The meetings in general did a great deal to make new comers feel at home and perfectly at ease with those who had entered the Academy before themselves. They also created both a feeling of interest in the pleasure and benefit of others, by contributing to the programmes, and also one of independence; and, in addition, gave the pupils an opportunity of learning how to conduct a meeting themselves, if ever called upon to do so.

The second term of the Club began October 1st, and it was agreed that the meetings should be held once a fortnight. This first meeting, contrary to all former ones, was decidedly like a Quakers' Meeting that the hopes of the pupils for their future success sank almost to zero. Indeed, to secure the co-operation of the pupils it was suggested that those who wished to attend the meetings should sign a pledge, promising to do all they could to keep up the good record of the Club. But even this suggestion seemed to show how careless they had grown, and the next gathering was such a success that the rest of the meetings promise to be better than those of last year.

Although "The Girls' Literary Club" has been so successful, there are a few grievances, though slight, about which I should like to express my opinion.

1st. All should feel it their duty to do all they can to help the committee and the meetings, by contributing to the programme, or if really unable to do anything themselves, to get others to assist in their place. A great deal has been said about this, but I don't think it can be too fully impressed on the minds of those who do not do their share.

2nd. There are several persons who continually whisper, and interrupt by so doing. I advise that they should consider, even for their own good, whether or not it is best to exercise a little ordinary politeness.

In conclusion, I will add the opinions of one young lady, as to what good the Club has done among the pupils. She said:—

"It makes us independent. Before the Club started most of us were afraid of our lives, but it has developed our self-respect to such an extent, that now, we dare to hold and to express an opinion on matters. Further it develops our elocutionary talents."

The picture of the officers of the Young Ladies' Literary Club was taken by Mr. Reginald Corbett of the D₁ Class. He very kindly brought his camera several times to the Academy and spared no trouble to get a good photo. The officers wish to thank him heartily for his kindness.

ONE OF THE COMMITTEE.