

the news of our victory having already arrived there, the whole school turned out to cheer him and carried him on their shoulders into the castle. I do not remember the exact figures but that boy got something like 80 dozen of oranges and a dozen or more "strawberry feeds." But perhaps the most exciting match I ever took part in was in my final year. I was Captain of the school at that time and, of course, personally very anxious that it should have a good year. We had won the football opening championship and all the school cricket matches with the exception of that against Loretto, — a school which was usually our strongest opponent both in cricket and football. The match I refer to was against it. If we could win it we would lead all the schools in every branch of sport in which we had been pitted against them. The day of the match was not favorable, the ground being soft, and at intervals we had to stop owing to rain. I do not know which team was helped most by this condition of the elements and crease. Loretto depended for its success upon their slow bowlers, whilst we looked to our faster ones. Loretto to our dismay won the toss and went to the bat, thus getting the best of the wicket. We were very much pleased at getting them out for less than a hundred runs, but with such a slow scoring wicket we knew our work was cut out for us so that we would have to fight hard to win. Our great object was to get over their score no matter how little. Our wickets fell pretty much as theirs had, and it was as uncertain as the toss of a penny who would win. Each team was of course doing its utmost to gain an advantage, whilst the spectators too shared in the anxiety. They appeared to almost hold their breath when nothing was happening, but when a wicket fell or a run was made the applause was spontaneous and lasting. I watched the greater part of our innings, but as one after another of our wickets fell the strain was too much for me, and with another anxious member of the eleven I climbed the wall into another field, with the hope of finding consolation by getting away from the scene of the struggle. I soon found however, that if it came to the worst I would have to be an eye witness. The excitement lasted out the match as we were but one run ahead when the last wicket fell and Merchiston could be put on record as champions in cricket as well as in the other sports. That year happened to be our jubilee year, the fiftieth year of the school's existence, we were very proud to be able to lay our record before a meeting of about 250 of the past pupils of the school at a dinner given to celebrate the event. Our head master Dr. Rogerson, of whom every Merchistonian is so proud, and who has been called the Arnold of Scotland, joined in the general merry-making.

To complete one's cricket education, a course should be taken either at Cambridge or Oxford. I desired to go to Cambridge with some three or more of our team of that year who afterwards "wore their blues," but upon consideration decided to come home. My cricketing days at school were very pleasant ones, and I have since derived more pleasure from cricket than from any other game. Trips which I have made with the Montreal and Zingari teams recall happy times, and the visits to Toronto and Philadelphia to play with the Inter-

national teams, were full of interest. Lastly the tour of the Canadian team through England in 1887, which we used to speak of as a "tour of a life time," repaid me well for all the time given to practice. I should have preferred to write an article on that tour but our Editor debarred me on the grounds that a book had already been published on the trip, and was perhaps familiar to my present reader.

I have been somewhat limited in time and space, which is probably fortunate for my readers, otherwise I could write more on a subject which has so much interest for me. Let those who condemn cricket try it or "forever after hold their peace." Once understanding it they will like it and their interest will grow as their knowledge of the game increases. It is thoroughly manly and savors less of professional and gambling elements than any other game. It is a good old game and I hope that it always will maintain the position it now holds as an out-door sport.

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[We must emphatically disclaim any "limitations of space" on this subject, and trust that our contributor will furnish a sequel at no distant time. Ed. S. J. C. R.]

LADIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held in the School-house on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd. The Secretary's report was read, which our space does not enable us to insert this month. Several cheering features were recorded, as to the good attendance at business and ordinary meetings, and as to the conveniences found in those rooms for which the Association claims some share in obtaining. Naturally the successful sale of December last was dwelt upon with justifiable satisfaction. It has been already recorded that the total receipts amounted to \$701.81, of which sum \$625 was handed to the Vestry Clerk towards payment of the debt upon the Sunday School. The report made suitable reference to the recent loss of Mrs. Hatheway, one of the Vice-presidents of the Association, and resolutions of condolence were passed in reference to this as also to the bereavement of another Vice-president, Mrs. Daniel.

The Rector, as usual, gave a brief address in taking the chair, congratulating the Association upon its past work, and pointing to certain objects which may enlist sympathy and zeal in the future. The election then took place. Lady Tilley was once more nominated as Patroness, Mrs. George F. Smith obtained a unanimous vote of re-election as President, and Miss Lawrence, as Secretary. There were only twelve names proposed for the office of Vice-president, accordingly no ballot was needed. They were as follows, the first four names being permanent Vice-presidents of the Association: Mrs. G. M. Armstrong, Mrs. deSoyres, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Crawford; Mrs. J. R. Armstrong, Mrs. C. H. Fairweather, Mrs. J. J. Kaye, Mrs. G. R. Pugsley, Mrs. Butt, Mrs. G. F. Fisher, Mrs. H. D. McLeod, Mrs. Sancton.

For the Managing Committee, after a ballot among twenty-six candidates, the following were declared elected:—Mrs. L. Allison, Miss J. Barlow, Mrs. J. Belyea, Mrs. G. S. De-