


OUR RECREATION.

E have come to the conclusion that the recreation of the U. B. Sem. is not surpassed by that of any other institution of learning. At the beginning of the Academic year, which opened in September, the climate was delightful, and the cool refreshing breeze from off the sea seemed to fill every one with new life and vigor, and there is no doubt that a number received lasting inspiration, or at least enough to take them through the winter.

The Seminary is built on a hill, about 100 rods from the street, so we have a large campus in front, and a much larger one at the back of the building. In front we have a large lawn tennis court, croquet and base ball grounds; there is also a large base ball field at the rear of the building. Our recreation hours in the afternoon are from 1.00 to 3.30 o'clock, in the evening 5.30 to 7.00, and from 9.00 to 9.45 o'clock. During the afternoon recreation we generally take out-door exercise. While the warm weather lasted we indulged in the various games for which our grounds afford us such facilities. And then we often went for a walk around the town. There are a number of very interesting and picturesque places to visit. There is the bay with its beautiful beach, its rugged cliffs and caves; the mills under the hills, the glens and gulches, in fact almost everything in our pretty little town is pleasing and instructive.

We had two very good base ball teams, one named the "Tutti Frutti," the other "Razzel Dazzel."

Then came the cold weather, with snow and sleet, and we couldn't play any more, but that didn't make us feel sad, nothing ever does at the U. B. Sem.

The next thing on hand was skating, of which we have had a great deal this winter. Everybody was allowed to go, and all entered heartily into the sport. And then when the snow comes and covers the ice, those that snow-shoe start out, and they seem to enjoy themselves more fully, if possible, than the skaters.

We very often have a fine drive. Last Sunday one of our good citizens came with his fine double team and took the young ladies to West Quaco to church. Any one seeing them going would be led to remark, "Well, certainly the students of the St. Martins Seminary have many privileges."

The young gentlemen have organized a militia company called the Seminary Cadets, under the leadership of Prof. March. Mr. F. Watson shows great ability as captain, while F. H. Slipp, as first lieutenant, attracts much attention by his commanding way, and S. B. Starratt, as second lieutenant, fills his position remark-

ably well; and in after years, should we hear of these gentlemen filling prominent places in military circles, we should at once think "their first drilling was at the U. B. Sem." The military discipline is, without doubt, a great benefit to all the boys, and this may be particularly noticed on Sunday, when they go to and from church.

If there should chance to be a stormy day, and we were not able to go out, it would do any one good just to look into our parlors. You would find the young ladies seated doing various kinds of work; a cheerful fire in the grate, some one at the piano giving us the dear old strains of "Home, sweet home," etc., or perhaps some one reading aloud, everything so happy and homelike, that you would feel like saying, "It is good to be here." The young gentlemen you would probably find seated around their cozy fire, telling stories, singing songs, or playing games, for boys always find some way with which to amuse themselves, and you would be led to say, "Well, the boys do have a good time, how I wish I could go to St. Martins to school."

Afternoon study hours are over at 5.30 o'clock, and we have tea at 5.45, after which we have till 7.00 for general recreation, and during this time we generally engage in social conversation or games.

Since the last BEMA was issued we have had provided a very attractive Reading Room, and in it many a pleasant hour is spent in looking over the news from various parts of the world.

There is one event in the evening recreation that is worthy of note, namely, the Literary Society Committee meetings. Everybody always seems pleased when they occur. It must be the excitement of getting up a good programme that is so attractive.

Every Saturday night the Literary Society meets. One night is given for debate, the next a literary entertainment of some kind. We always look forward to these with great pleasure. As there are no study hours on Saturday evening, if our Literary Society is out early, we are allowed to have games of different kinds, so you see how pleasantly everything is carried on.

We have roll call at 9 o'clock, then we generally go in for a good time, singing and story-telling by everybody. But we must not forget the kindness of Mrs. Scribner. She always provides us with a couple of plates of nicely buttered bread, one for the boys and one for the girls, so we are not by any means allowed to retire hungry.

We have here tried to give an account of the way our recreation hours are spent, but alas, when we read it over it seems to be so narrowly described that we feel like saying, "The half has never been told," come and see for yourself.