

patronized. The shooting gallery is a long iron and wooden shaft or tunnel, running the length of the building. At the end, paper targets are fastened to wooden blocks set endwise to receive the bullets.

THE READING ROOM is situated on the floor above the Club Room. Forty weeklies, twenty monthlies and a number of quarterlies occupy the tables, besides the dailies in the club-room down-stairs—in all about eighty publications, including all the sporting papers and magazines of the day. The room is tastefully decorated, furnished and carpeted. The walls are hung with large framed photographs of past presidents of the clubs and other prominent athletic members, and has been dubbed the "Members Gallery."

The roll of membership is quite an imposing affair, over 1,400 are full members of the association, and including those who may be members only of some one of the individual clubs, it foots up close to 2,000 names. This membership consists of the members of the affiliated clubs, who pay an annual fee of ten dollars, which sum gives the subscriber full privileges in each and all of the clubs and in all departments of the club-house, and free entrance to all games of each club and association. Those joining only one of the clubs have only the privileges of and voice in the affairs of that club. Members who pay ten consecutive years to each club, or twelve to the association, are entitled to have their names placed on the roll as life members, and are free from annual dues. The ladies are not neglected, for a member's wife, sister or daughter can obtain membership and be entitled to attend all out-door exhibitions of the various clubs on payment of two dollars annually. The brilliant records of the members of the association and its affiliated clubs are good proofs of its athletic success. The M. A. A. A. holds the flat race Canadian championship for a quarter, a half and one mile—the snow-shoe championship, and the cross-country steeple-chase championship of the Dominion. The Montreal Lacrosse Club held the world's championship for two consecutive years, 1885 and 1886; the Montreal Football Club, the Rugby championship of the Dominion for also two consecutive years. The influence of the M. A. A. A. is far-reaching, many of the members of other athletic clubs owing it allegiance. The principal members of the various suburban rowing clubs, and the Lachine crew, the champion amateur four-oared crew of the Dominion, are members. The leading members of the St. George Snow-shoe Club (the friendly rival of the Montreal S.S. Club), and the Britannia Football Club (the well-matched and doughty antagonist of the Montreal Football Club) are attached to the M. A. A. A. by membership. The Montreal Yacht Club, St. Louis Canoe Club, and the Montreal Hunt Club have many members whose names are on the roll of the M. A. A. A. In the same way also many of the other snow-shoe, tobogganing, hockey and curling clubs are also connected. Thus it can be seen how great an indirect interest the association has in all athletics in the city of Montreal and neighborhood, and how her sons who may remove to other parts of the country try to follow in her footsteps, making the assertion correct that the M. A. A. A. is the backbone of sport and athletics.

The handsome club-house erected by the ATHLETIC CLUB-HOUSE COMPANY of Cote des Neiges, three miles from Montreal, though not incorporated with the M. A. A. A., is really an outcome of it, and was the conception and is governed principally by members of the Montreal Snow-shoe Club. It is handsomely furnished and appointed, with large and capacious rooms, the main hall alone being capable of accommodating nearly one thousand persons, as has been tested by the Montreal S.S. Club at its "Ladies' Nights" meetings. It is the objective point of the weekly tramps of the Montreal and other snow-shoe clubs, and as a rendezvous for them cannot be surpassed. Liquor is strictly prohibited in the building, the stock being subscribed and the building erected with this special object in view. The moral influences of the M. A. A. A. are very considerable. Honour and fair play are inculcated, gambling or strong drink not tolerated on its premises or grounds: to prevent any chance of the former, cards were prohibited, its founders considering there were enough means of amusement otherwise. Pure amateur sport of all kinds is encouraged, and anything tending to professionalism or hippodroming strongly opposed. A loyal feeling for everything Canadian and national is engendered, and in fact, no more healthy and strong moral organization exists for young men anywhere. Among the early names on the records of the Snow-shoe and Lacrosse clubs, there is one that will always remain in faithful remembrance, Nicholas H. Hughes, "Evergreen Hughes," as he was affectionately called, the hero athlete of our younger days, one of the founders and for many years the president of both clubs, and later their honorary president, who did perhaps more in his time than any other man to encourage genuine sport, and advance the interests of the old clubs he loved so well. Even when three-score years had passed over his head it was as much as the best runners could do to keep up to the tall, sinewy form of the old *racquetteur* on a snow-shoe tramp across country. He was very much interested in the success of the association and lived to see the first year of its existence. To Mr. Angus Grant, the now honorary president of the Snow-shoe Club, and who may justly be called "Evergreen the Second," is due the first conception which led to the amalgamation of the different clubs. For a long time he stood alone in the belief that such an organization could succeed, and has given it much time and attention. He has been connected with the Lacrosse and Snow-shoe clubs since 1866-67, and president of both clubs, and also of the association.

Hugh Wylie Becket has been a member of the Lacrosse and Snow-shoe clubs since 1869, and was the successor of Dr. Geo. W. Beers as goal-keeper for the Lacrosse Club, where he earned the soubriquet of "Stonewall Becket." For eleven years he was treasurer of that club, and president for two years. In the Snow-shoe club he also held office a number of years, and is its historian, publishing a history and record of snow-shoeing of much value to all interested in that sport. As secretary to the old Montreal Gymnasium, he did valuable service in assisting in its transfer to the association, and shares with Mr. Grant the honour of actively promoting its formation, and for some years was on the board of directors and chairman of out-door sports.

W. L. MALTBY, the President of the M. A. A. A., now in his second term of office, has been in almost continuous office for 20 years, a member of the Lacrosse Club since 1861, and of the Snow-shoe club since 1865, has held the Presidency of both clubs, was a well-known athlete in his day. As a lacrosse player, his fame extended wherever lacrosse was known; as a runner, he defeated the Indians on snow-shoes several times in the half-mile, one mile and two miles, earning the title from them of the "White Deer," from running always in white; as a foot racer, carried the championship for one mile and two miles for three years, also for 7-mile walk. Retired from active athletics in the year 1878, his last game of lacrosse being at the opening of the Shamrock grounds, when the Montreals won four straight games. He has given much time and attention to the association and still retains his interest on the board as president and chairman of the Committee on Property and Building, wherein his services and experience are of much value to the directors.

A. W. STEVENSON was the first president of the association, holding that office the full limit of the term (which is restricted to two years). He has also been president of the Lacrosse Club, and at present holds the same position in the Snow-shoe Club. His interest in sport and business experience has been of value on the board.

Robt. Lloyd has been secretary since March, 1886, succeeding Horace Tibbs. By his untiring efforts, he has kept up the standard of the club and works hard for all its schemes. Although Mr. Lloyd does not devote himself to any particular sport at present, he is a good all-round man, and was well known in England as a short distance runner.

A SUCCESSFUL DEER HUNT.—Our picture represents that enthusiastic sportsman, Major Short, "B" Battery, and the victims to his unerring aim during a six days hunt on the grounds of John Tuples, Esq., about sixty miles from Renfrew. The Major, with three others, secured fifteen deer in the six days, three with the aid of dogs before the snow fell, and the remainder without dogs, after a fair chase. The wolves chased the deer near the settlements, which they will not themselves approach, and the whole fifteen were got within a belt of about seven miles.

THE TORONTO CANOE CLUB was formed in 1883 with a membership of about 40 or 50 members. Energy and push have made this Club one of the most widely known in the Canadian Association. Since their inauguration they have put up a club house at the cost of some thousand dollars, and have run up their membership roll to 100. Their annual cruises form a subject of much interest, and the members to a man take part. Their enterprising President, Mr. Neilson, and their spirited "Vice," Mr. J. L. Kerr, form good leaders and genial companions. The engravings are from plates taken by one of the members, during last summer's cruise.

FULL SPEED.—This picture may be called a sample of female athletics, and thus deserving a place in this number devoted to the clubs of manly sports. It is a remarkably pleasant example of grouping, and all the surroundings thereof, with the main figures, wear a refreshing look. The work is distinctively American, the two girls being arrayed in that perfect garb which makes American women the models of dress, in travel by land and water.

READY FOR A WALK.—Here is a case of female exercise. The lady is ready for a walk, and there is a self-asserting air about the broad-brimmed, towering hat which means that the wearer is going to enjoy herself.

"THE SCARLET LETTER."—Good out of evil found a pretty illustration in the case of Hawthorne's removal from office. He was crushed by the blow, and staggered to his humble home full of bitter disappointment. No one knew him then as one of our greatest—yes, the world's greatest—men of genius. His wife quietly left the room, says Conway, then came back with an armful of wood, kindled a cheerful fire, drew his chair up to his desk, brought papers, pens and ink, and then turning to him, with a beaming face, said, "Now you can write your book." The result was the "Scarlet Letter," and such fame as no novelist in America before or since has attained. It was all due to his noble wife. Had she repined and added to his burden, the world would never have known Hawthorne.

HERE AND THERE.

BOOK WORM.—The man who turns book leaves with a wet finger may pause from fear of microbes. The authorities at Dresden have been investigating the question whether circulating libraries are a medium for the spread of infectious diseases. They rubbed the dirtiest leaves of the books, first with a dry finger and then with a wet, microscopically examining the product in each case. In the first case, scarcely any microbes were found on the finger; in the second case, plenty! Though all these appeared to be of non-infectious character, they are filthy.

A MODEST EPITAPH.—The epitaph which Miss Berry, the friend and correspondent of Horace Walpole, wrote on herself when she was a little over thirty makes "pretty reading," and is worth preserving:—

Beneath this stone is deposited
The dust of one whom
Remarkable personal beauty,
Considerable superiority of intellect,
Singular quickness of the senses,
And the noblest endowments of the heart,
Neither distinguished, served, nor
Rendered happy.
She was
Admired and neglected,
Beloved and mistaken,
Respected and insignificant.
She endured years of a useless existence,
Of which the happiest moment was that
In which her spirit returned to the bosom
Of the Almighty and Merciful
Creator.

The assumption of remarkable personal beauty in this singular epitaph is one of the things not borne out by contemporary evidence.

A PUBLISHER'S PRAYER.—Oliver Ditson, the veteran music publisher, of Boston, who has just died, was a genial, kind-hearted man, and always ready to respond to any demand upon him by his friends. A story used to be told how he once came to grief in this way by undertaking to say grace at the table of a country friend, when, after struggling through the body of the prayer with considerable success, he could not for the life of him remember how to end it, and in desperation finally concluded it, "Respectfully yours, O. Ditson."

UNDERGROUND ROME.—It is impossible to turn up in Rome a handful of earth without coming upon some unexpected archæological treasure. Since 1872 the following were stored in the Capitol: 705 amphoræ with important inscriptions, 2,360 terra cotta lamps, 1,824 inscriptions engraved on marble or stone, 77 columns of rare marble, 313 pieces of columns, 157 marble capitals, 118 bases, 590 works of art in terra cotta, 405 works of art in bronze, 711 gems, intaglios, cameos, 18 marble sarcophagi, 152 bas-reliefs, 192 marble statues, 21 marble figures of animals, 266 busts and heads, 54 pictures in polychrome mosaic, 47 objects of gold, 39 of silver. 86,679 coins of gold, silver and bronze, and an almost incredible amount of smaller relics in terra cotta, bone, glass, enamel, lead, ivory and stucco.

A SECRET OF HEALTH.—The Pope, not the most robust of men, attributes his excellent health, for a man of his age, to the extreme method and regularity with which he has lived for the past twenty years. He eats always at the same hours, and always adheres to the same regimen. Light soup, or *consommato*, is the form of nutrition which suits him best, and he has a plate of it served to him four times a day—at ten in the morning, at one o'clock with his luncheon (which invariably consists of a single course of meat and dessert), at six, and at half-past ten. He takes a glass or two of Bordeaux with his principal meal, but never touches any other wine.

BANANAS.—Bananas are delicious for tea. Slice them, but not too thin. Scatter powdered sugar on them, and before it dissolves squeeze the juice of several lemons on them also; or oranges may be cut up and mixed with them, or they may be served with sugar and cream alone. They make a popular desert with whipped cream, sweetened and flavoured with vanilla, poured over them,