

are played on the lawns near the building. After lecture many of the students take exercise before dinner. Some of them make riding parties; those who can afford to hire. Most of the lectures take place in the afternoon, and, on an average, a student has only one lecture a day. The variety of subjects causes the attendance on each course to be rather small as yet. The lecturer reviews the work done by each student since the last lecture; any questions are answered, and special help needed is given. Then the lecturer gives his lecture proper, without the limitations of class book.

After dinner there is often choral music. After that, the students usually give themselves for a time to their labours, which are only broken by the advent of tea, coffee, or cocoa, in many cases. Others who are sociably inclined receive their friends in their own rooms.

The descriptions one hears from Girton students sound very pleasant, and make some of us older women wish such advantages had been open to us fifteen or twenty years ago. It is amusing in these days to read over again

the description of college life, given in Tennyson's "Princess," and pleasant to women to realise what progress in almost everything relating to woman's place in the world has been made since the time when that charming poem was written.

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ON WATERING FLOWERS.

WATERING in gardens requires different rules from watering pot-plants, though both need thought, and must vary with the time of year and weather. In London, or any very smoky town, I should recommend more frequent watering than in the country in dry weather. In the country the water is only wanted for the roots of the plants, but in London it is wanted by the leaves too, or the foliage gets choked and poisoned by the smoke.

Plants breathe through their leaves, as we

do through our mouths, so it is necessary to the lives of some, and to the health of all, that their leaves should be kept clean. Otherwise, in watering your garden, you should try to imitate nature. Do not water your garden in a hot sun; it makes the foliage shrivel and turn colour. Nature takes care about this, for when rain falls the sun is hidden by clouds. So in hot weather do your watering very early, or else in the evening, unless your garden is shady, and then any time will do. You should water as seldom as possible, except when the foliage needs washing, and then you should be very careful to soak the roots thoroughly before any water touches the leaves. A sprinkling of water on the surface of the ground does much more harm than good, as it makes the ground cake, and then the earth below gets both hotter and drier than if the surface were loose, and not a single drop of water will have reached the roots of the plants.—*L. M. Forster.*



From the Painting of SIR THOMAS LAWRENCE.

GAZE on—'tis lovely! Childhood's lip and cheek,
Mantling beneath its earnest brow of thought!
Gaze—yet what seest thou in those fair and meek
And fragile things, as but for sunshine wrought?
Thou seest what grace must nurture for the sky,
What life must fashion for eternity!