

THE MONUMENT FUND.

The Bicycle Race at the Arsenal Won by Featherly and Williams.

About 1,000 persons witnessed the close of the bicycle race at the Arsenal last night. When she named the conditions of the race, Miss Von Blumen laid out a big contract for herself, and although she made a plucky attempt to win, she was unable to do so. She was to ride against Messrs. Featherly and Williams for fifty-one hours, they being allowed to alternate at will. Wednesday night she remained on her wheel almost steadily and Thursday morning was leading by fifty-four miles. Her competitors then kept continuously at work and by evening had overtaken her. Miss Von Blumen started at 8:08 o'clock Wednesday evening, and stopped at 11:52 o'clock last night, making 367 miles and 1 lap. Her actual riding time was 38 hours and 58 minutes. Her fastest mile was the 193d, which she made in 3 m. 18 secs. Her fastest ten miles was made in 41 m. 55 secs. Featherly started with Miss Von Blumen and rode forty-one miles, when he was relieved by Williams, who rode five miles. Both men then rested until 7:30 o'clock Thursday morning, when Williams took the wheel and made eighty-three miles, when Featherly relieved him and the two rode alternately to the close, making 369 miles and 3 laps. Their actual riding time was 31 hours and 14 minutes. Featherly made the fastest mile in 3 minutes and 7 seconds. After the close of the race General Reynolds called the three contestants to the stage and presented the winners gold badges appropriately engraved and representing bicyclist mounted on wheels. He complimented Miss Von Blumen on the record she had made and announced that a benefit would be given for her at the Arsenal next Tuesday. Mr. Featherly or Mr. Williams will ride with her on the occasion. Messrs. Featherly and Williams worked hard, and are deserving of no little credit.

The musical and literary entertainments Thursday and Friday afternoons and evenings were well attended, and the series will undoubtedly add a handsome amount to the monument fund. Sherman D. Richardson has given his entire time for several days to the management of the affair, and its complete success is largely due to his personal efforts. The recitations by Miss Amy Busby, a little lady who has become deservedly popular in this city, were greatly enjoyed last evening. Her elocutionary attainments are remarkable, and if she continues her career will be a brilliant one.