

another Signorelli, a *Maddona enthroned* with Peter and Paul, much more conventional than the Deposition, which well deserves its place of honour permanently in view.

Leaving the church one can find one's way by zig-zagging *vias* and *vicolos*, down again to the level of the main town. Every little street is a delight, and here, there and everywhere are the sturdy houses, solid and unassuming, but tasteful and well-proportioned, with every now and again some interesting ornament of iron or stone. The Gothic Town Hall is small but good, a miniature in the same tradition as the Palazzo Vecchio of Florence, though perhaps nearest to Perugia's Palazzo Municipio.

Many other buildings in and around Cortona would merit the attention of anyone staying longer in the town. San Domenico, for instance, has some Signorellis, and there are one or two palatial private houses in the suburbs which are fine examples of how the rich Italian lives. But the chief impression of the visitor to Cortona will always be carried away from strolls through the pleasant streets; an indefinite impression of a quiet well-

ordered existence in a stable society where there is time to "cultivate one's garden."



*The Town Hall at Cortona*

## *Drinking and Gambling.*

I love good wine  
As I love health and joy of heart, but  
temperately.—Beaumont and Fletcher.  
—*Wit without Money.*

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"I rather like bad wine," said Mr.  
Mountchesney: "One gets so bored  
with good wine."—Disraeli.—*Sybil.*

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Claret is the liquor for boys; port  
for men; but he who aspires to be a  
hero must drink brandy.—Johnson.—  
*Remark, 1779.*

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Look thou not upon the wine when  
it is red.—Proverbs xxiii.

O for a beaker full of the warm  
South.

Full of the true, the blushful Hip-  
pocrene,

With beaded bubbles winking at the  
brim,

And purple stained mouth.

Keats.—*Ode to a Nightingale.*

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Drink no longer water, but a little  
wine for thy stomach's sake.—1 *Tim-*  
*othy v. 23.*

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Gaming is a principle inherent in  
human nature. It belongs to us all.  
—Burke.—*Speech on Economical Re-*  
*form.*