

Canada is Independence rather than Political Union with the United States, was logically and thoroughly debated. Mr. A. E. Lavell earned the thanks of the society by his excellent rendering of an original foot-ball song, published in JOURNAL No. 3. During the business part of the meeting Mr. Sinclair explained the reasons of the change in the time of distributing the mails. The society decided to request the Senate to allow the mail to be distributed at 12 o'clock.

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The Athletic Committee will present its annual report to-night and every member should be present to hear it. A few remarks upon the history of Athletics at Queen's during the last few years may render it more interesting. Until the spring of 1888 the athletics of the college were in no way connected with the Alma Mater Society. Before that the methods of organization were somewhat as follows: On returning in October, someone interested in foot-ball would put a notice on the board calling a meeting to organize for the season. Probably a dozen would attend and elect officers of the foot-ball club. The officers so elected would make a "levy" upon the students to purchase balls and other necessities. If the team wished to go away from the city, another levy was made, and so on. The same method was followed in organizing a gymnasium club, a base-ball team or anything else. In 1886 the Senate at the request of the students began to collect one dollar from all students in Arts at the time of registration for the gymnasium. The money thus collected was held by the Principal and given out by him as required. In the following year this fee of one dollar was changed from a gymnasium fee to a fee for athletic purposes in general.

In the next spring (1888) through the efforts of Drs. W. H. Rankin, H. H. Pirie and others, all the athletic organizations of the university were taken under the control of the Alma Mater Society, and it was resolved to manage them through a committee to be appointed annually, and to be called the Athletic Committee of the A. M. S. This committee would itself take the place of the former Athletic Association which had managed the annual sports, and would have under its control the

gymnasium, Rugby and Association Foot-ball Clubs (the Hockey Club has since been admitted) and the Campus. To manage these separate clubs officers are to be appointed annually at mass-meetings called by the Athletic Committee for that purpose. All money collected or contributed for the support of general athletics or of any particular branch, and all money spent by the different organizations must pass through the Athletic Committee. This makes all persons holding the students' money directly responsible, and provides adequate support for the different clubs.

The formation of the Athletic Committee has thus done more than anything else to promote the interests of athletics in the university. It is to be hoped that the next step will be the making of a constitution for the athletic branch of the society. This would prevent all friction and dissatisfaction.

HOCKEY.

Queen's played the Cadets' hockey team on Saturday, Feb. 6th, winning by 9 goals to 2. The game was fast and much closer than the score would indicate. Both teams showed great improvement since their last match.

On Tuesday, Feb'y 9th, the "Rebels," of Ottawa, played a picked seven of Kingston, and were defeated by 3 goals to 2. The teams were:—For Ottawa, goal, B. Hill; point, D. C. Campbell; cover, P. D. Ross; forwards, J. Leigh, Capt. Streatfield, Lord Kilcoursi, A. S. Adamson. For Kingston, goal, Armstrong; point, Curtis; cover, McKenzie; forwards, Harty, Cunningham, Lovelace, and Wilson. Referee, W. F. Nickle. As the Kingston men had never practised together, they of course showed no combination, though in this respect they were not excelled by the visitors. Curtis, Armstrong, Cunningham and Wilson did the best work. It is probably safe to say that either the Cadets or Queen's would have "walked over" the Rebels without any difficulty.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Once more the sonorous warblings of the subscription man is heard in the land. The usual subscription towards Dr. Smith's salary we are sure will be cheerfully forthcoming. It is a good plan for each student to make an effort to *increase* his offering toward the mission