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ber of matches gained and necessitate a play-off to decide.

These of course are opinions held by people who argue simply on the basis of what they have seen, and while few will venture to make a definite prediction, yet many feel that the senior trophy will go either to the United Services or to the Dalhousie team; and the junior, either to the Y. M. C. A. or Dalhousie junior team.

On Saturday afternoon the last competition of the season was held at the Studley Quoit Links. Mr. G. H. McKenzie who had distinguished himself before this season in winning the Crescent cup, distinguished himself again in this last competition, which was the club handicap. The trophy for this competition was a cup presented to the Club by two American gentlemen who had visited the grounds on invitation during the summer, and so enjoyed the hospitality of Studley quitters that they afterwards sent this cup as an expression of their pleasure and good wishes to the club. The trophy is made of Tobin bronze, the material of which the Yacht "Columbia" was made, and is very artistic as well as a unique piece of work. Mr. McKenzie's average in the competition was five inches.

It is not a great number of years ago—perhaps it is not more than a quarter of a century, certainly less than fifty years—since there prevailed a "sedateness", if you like to call it such, that had the influence of discouraging people from participation to any extent in out-door sports.

What few sports we had were for men, and the least participation in them by the other sex was "unwomanly." Only the oddities among women shortened their skirts enough to allow them free use of their feet, and, it might be said that girls had no out-door sports except a brief and occasional walk or drive.

The overthrowing of this old "sedateness" has come about by successive steps, and has been assisted in many ways. We are now a sport-loving people, and only example has been necessary to put us on the track of something new. Amateur and college sports, which are the basis of all our male athletics, have practically come into active being within the time mentioned. Baseball, football, and track athletics were almost unknown to us as in the sixties, and while they may at times have outgrown their proper proportions they have had an influence in cultivating the "out-door habit" which nothing else could have done. The opening of out-doors as a playground for our girls has been assisted very much by the growth of clubs admitting ladies to membership and by the influence of colleges for women. There is always courage in numbers. What one young woman, or even a few young women, might hesitate to essay, a crowd will rush into fearlessly. So, when boating and many out-door games became popular, all the "wrong" there was in such sport as a recreation for girls disappeared, and hundreds of girls took up out-door exercises. Fashion, too, has come in to aid the out-door movement, with the popularity of the winter resort and the demand for "camps" in the woods, instead of hotels for summer resting-places.

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