

Athletic Notes.

'VARSITY vs. TRINITY (RUGBY).

'Varsity played her first tie match with Trinity, on the grounds of the latter, on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 15th.

The students turned out *en masse* to witness the contest, and noticeable among the great crowd was a four-in-hand, containing over twenty men, mainly from the college Residence, which arrived shortly before the game commenced.

Each occupant of the large "drag" was armed with a fish horn, and all carried streamers of blue and white, the whole turnout making a pretty spectacle and bringing fear to the hearts of more than one ardent backer of Trinity.

The 'Varsity team preceded the four-in-hand to the scene of the fight, and when the procession arrived there were nearly 1,000 people on the grounds, mostly made up of students, interspersed with many representatives of the fair sex.

All through the game it was apparent that the supporters of the blue and white were in the majority, and the incessant shouts of 'V-A-R-S-I-T-Y, mingled with the inspiring notes of the fish horns, completely drowned the frequent but weak shouts of *Rouge et Noir* rendered by Trinity's admirers.

At about 3.45 'Varsity lined up as follows: Back, McQuarrie; half-backs, Bunting (Capt.), Parkyn, Gilmour; quarter back, Smith; wings, Laidlaw, Cross, Bain, Clays, Moss, Parker and N. Lash; scrumage, M. Lash, McMillan and McRae. Referee, Mr. E. Bayly.

'Varsity, having won the toss, kicked off with a strong wind blowing almost straight across the field. A combined rush immediately resulted in a touch-in goal for 'Varsity. Score, 1 to 0 in our favor.

After the kick out, Parker got what looked like a touch, but which was not allowed on account of an off-side play, for which Trinity obtained a free kick. So far fortune was with us, but the red and black now managed to work the ball close onto 'Varsity's goal line, and only by splendid play was the leather gradually forced down the field again, Moss being instrumental in the relief. Slowly but surely play was forced towards our opponents' fortress when Parkyn made a good flying kick which resulted in a rouge. Score, 2 to 0. After the kick out, Clays and Cross made a combined run, the latter player kicking into Trinity's touch behind the goal. Score, 3 to 0. Once more the ball was kicked out, and almost immediately Smith obtained a touch, but no try was allowed. This ended the first half with the score 7 to 0 in favor of 'Varsity.

After about ten minutes, play was resumed, Trinity in turn kicking off with the wind slightly in their favor. Mainly through the splendid play of Smith and Gilmour, the ball was worked back on Trinity's lines. Parkyn made a good drop on goal but missed by a few feet, a rouge resulting. Score, 8 to 0. The same player repeated this shortly afterwards, the wind alone preventing a goal, and another rouge was added to 'Varsity's score. Again, precisely the same play was made by the big half-back, and again a rouge was scored. Some open play was then indulged in, after which M. Lash got a touch close to Trinity's goal, but the kick resulting therefrom failed to add to the score, leaving it 14 to 0. The ball was then rapidly kicked up and down the field, the two backs, Grout and McQuarrie, doing some grand punting, the latter stopping a rush by Trinity by falling on the ball among a forest of feet, and preventing the wild-men-from-the-west from scoring. Gilmour then made the run of the day and obtained a touch for his effort. The wind again prevented a goal being kicked, the score then standing 18 to 0. Only twice during this half did Trinity manage to transfer the play beyond the centre of the field, and just before time was called McQuarrie was forced to rouge, the red and black saving themselves from a white-wash.

It would be beyond the power of anyone to individualize 'Varsity's players, each and every one playing a splendid game, noticeable for team-play, showing the effect of good management, and reflecting due credit on Mr. Armour, as well as on the men who bore the brunt of the contest, and on the captain.

Trinity placed the strongest team on the field which ever graced their campus, and they worked hard to the last.

'Varsity's forward line was grand, and Smith's passing, backed up by the good work of the half backs, made the game well worth going many miles to witness.

Noticeable throughout was the splendid work of the opposing full-backs, and neither's game could be much improved upon.

Trinity play a return match on the 'Varsity lawn on Saturday, Oct. 24th, and if the upholders of the blue and white succeed in coming out successful, Queen's will be played here on the 31st inst.

VARSITY vs. SCOTS.

Misfortune has indeed followed close on the steps taken by the Association team to win the championship of the city. The strength of this eleven was an unknown quantity until the last moment. The services of last year's left wing was hoped for, but these expectations were not realized, as the above players found it impossible to be on hand. Merrill, who was severely injured in practice, had not recovered, and his place was taken by Mr. Wright, who materially strengthened the defence by his most valuable assistance. Much speculation and comparison of the strength of the opposing teams had been indulged in prior to Saturday's game. The excitement at times during the play was most intense, and the encouragement liberal, as 'Varsity's path to championship honors was to be trodden only through the defeat of the Scots. Cameron played half-back, checking closely and kicking with good judgment. Ketchum was a surprise to many, and with experience will certainly be a valuable addition to the team. Too much could not be said of Mr. Wright's play at back, in whose every kick there was strength and encouragement. Goldie at half was as reliable as ever. Dewar and Govanlock filled their respective positions with credit.

THE GAME.

The Scots kicked off with a rush towards Varsity goal, but this was repulsed by our defence who passed to the forwards and the Scots' citadel was assailed. The ball was brought to the mouth of the goal and a score was certain, when Arnott, the back, with his hand struck the ball beyond the reach of the attacking forwards. A foul was immediately claimed, but the referee, Mr. Starr, did not see the offence, and the Scots kicked off from the goal. The Varsity forwards, who had been so ruthlessly deprived of a certain goal, made a determined and successful attack, the parting shot being delivered by Ketchum. The play for the rest of the time was in favor of Varsity, but no goals were scored.

The Scots pressed in the second half, and before Varsity could recover from its surprise had scored two goals. The prospect was dark, but the forwards set to work with a grim determination that has won honor for the college many a time. The right wing carried the ball right through the Scotch defence, when Hooper, dodging the back, shot the second goal, evened the score, and saved Varsity from defeat. For the rest of the time the Scots were continually compelled to kick in to touch. Varsity forwards played all around them, raining shot after shot on their goal. Before Varsity could raise the score the whistle blew and the Scots had won the championship of the city by the narrow margin of one point.