

ATHLETIC NEWS.

WINTER sports are now in full blast. With commendable enterprise Fathers Guillet and Forget have undertaken, in the face of many difficulties, to flood part of the yard for a skating rink. Their endeavors have been highly successful, and the rink of this year is far superior to that of any former year in our remembrance. Considerable fancy skating is done, and one can see also very much that is not fancy. However the chief end of the rink is attained—to give the students an opportunity of taking pleasant and healthy exercise. We should like to see a good hockey match on the rink before long. No winter pastime reaches hockey in excitement, and none requires such skill and dexterity, that it may be played with success. By all means let hockey be inaugurated.

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For several days past work has been in progress on the ice palace. It promises to eclipse all previous efforts in this direction, and is certainly a credit to those students who have volunteered to spend their recreation hours in building it. We shall have more to say of it when it has undergone a few of the vicissitudes of ordinary ice palaces.

But for the present we would like to remark that there is just one thing wanting to complete our circle of winter sports—a toboggan slide. Only those who have indulged in this exhilarating pastime—tobogganing—know anything of the charms it possesses. It holds the highest place among Canadian outdoor winter sports, giving quite as much pleasure with much less danger than our more common amusements—skating, snow-shoeing, or coasting. Now we think that the energy which built the ice palace and which keeps the rink in good condition, will aid us in answering the following question—when shall we have a toboggan slide? There are many suitable places in the neighborhood of the College, and we feel sure that if a slide were only begun, its completion and success would be but a matter of very

short time. It is, perhaps, too late in the season to begin now, but we hope the matter will meet with the attention of the executive committee, and that some provision will be made toward having a toboggan slide next winter.

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Though we are quite a distance from the balmy breezes of spring and but few thoughts are directed towards the campus, it may not be altogether inappropriate to refer briefly to what we expect to see done next spring. In all probability there will be no first class football games. Here then is an excellent opportunity for settling the question as to which is the third team of the College. If we remember rightly three teams claimed that honor last fall; a few matches were played, but no definite result reached, and all interest in the contest was lost when the first team's championship series began. It would not be so next spring. A schedule of games should be prepared and the teams allowed to test their relative strength. Excitement and interest would be great, as each team is supported by a large following.

We cannot see why the good old Greek-Trojan game has been so sadly neglected during the past three years. The excuse might be offered that there was no material for it. However valid that excuse might have been then, it cannot hold now, for there are certainly more than thirty students here now either know nothing about football or who have never played the game. Let us return then to this old love, and give the new men a chance to show what they are made of.

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From time to time we hear from certain journals a whine about too much attention being paid to athletics in colleges and universities. There would be much need for their remarks if such a state of things, as they portray, really existed. But we can see no reason for alarm. Judging from experience, we would say that there is not enough attention given to physical development and that as a consequence mental progress is retarded. What makes so many of our colleges so dull and