

tionary, and when bereft of these aids finds a passage of sight translation, especially selected for its easiness from the "De Officiis" or "De Amicitia," altogether beyond him. This defect clings to him all through his Honor course to such an extent that only at the end of it would the advanced lectures of which "Classicus" speaks be of any service. If such lectures were needed, I am sure that our present Professors would be both able and willing to deliver them; but they are not, saving for Post-Graduate students, none of whom have as yet, in Classics at least, made their appearance. What we primarily need is that the high schools and collegiate institutes should give a far more thorough grounding in the elements than they at present do. If to ensure this it be necessary to reduce the amount of translation done, let it be reduced—reduced till it become a vanishing quantity, if such extreme measures be necessary to ensure an accurate knowledge of the accidence and syntax of the languages taught.

Yours truly,

WILL. L. GRANT, '93.

SPORTS.

THE Officers of the Ontario Rugby Union for 1894 are as follows:—

President—H. R. Grant, Queen's University.

1st Vice-President—B. P. Dewar, Hamilton.

2nd Vice-President—W. J. Moran, Osgoode Hall.

Secretary-Treasurer—R. K. Barber, Osgoode Hall.

Committee—Mr. Osler, Royal Military College; E. Chadwick, Trinity University; G. Claves, Toronto University; N. Dick, Toronto; R. Martin, Osgoode Hall; and A. Cunningham, Kingston Collegiate Institute.

The JOURNAL and every student of Queen's extend their heartiest congratulations to the President.

The following protest from Ottawa College contains much good hard common sense:—"In the distribution of spoils, Toronto as usual took its share, by placing on the executive six out of ten from Toronto. This, however is such an ordinary thing for Hogtown to do, that it needs no comment. What we do complain of, is that neither of the Ottawa teams is represented on the committee, whilst Osgoode Hall is unduly favored with three representatives."—*Ottawa Owl*.

Whilst quoting the "Owl," for several reasons, we feel that it would not be amiss to reprint an editorial that appeared in their last issue. We do so for the following reasons, first, as exhibiting the true, sportsmanlike, character of the students of Ottawa University, second, as silently rebuking an

altogether too prevalent selfishness existing among some of the Ontario clubs, and thirdly—though we know this will have the least effect—as an object lesson in how to take defeat, to a certain University in Toronto, whose late references to Queen's and Rugby Football, reveals nothing so plainly as that its editorial stomach has become sadly burdened with "sour grapes."

"The King is dead, long live the Queen." King Osgoode is dead, and the bay leaves of football supremacy now bedeck the brows of the men of Queen's. Vanquished though we were, by the stalwart champions, still, now that the battle is o'er and the honors so decisively and creditably won, we extend to the men of Queen's our hearty congratulations and hail them by the titles for which they have fought for years: Champions of Ontario, Champions of Canada. Theirs has been a record unique in the annals of Canadian football. Other teams have met as much success as they, and even more. Other teams may point to more one-sided scores for a season through, but no team in Canada ever had such exasperating disappointments as that same Queen's team. For years they had a strong team, a team that played close games with the best teams in the country, but somehow or other, hard and stubbornly though they fought, they never survived the semi-finals. In the days of the challenge system they came within an ace of beating our own champions, but they never beat them. Such fate as that was certainly enough to discourage any ordinary team, but Queen's men were doggedly persevering, and their honors of to-day are the reward thereof. Defeat is said to be the best training for victory. From their successive and tantalizing defeats, Principal Grant's students learnt their weakness and discovered a remedy. Each year they improved their style of play, and renewed their determination to win the coveted trophy.

The men of Queen's have earned the crown by hard work and perseverance. Their record as a team furnishes a healthy moral, and one which we would wish our own players to profit by. The team that can make use of defeat, to discover its weak points, is bound to win. For the determination to win that is born of bitter defeat is the determination that must some day win the sweetest victory. Seven years is a long time to keep on trying, but each year's defeat must enhance the sweetness of the victory that Queen's men now enjoy. We have had our years of victory, we have also had our years of defeat. But as our years of defeat have followed our victories, there is no reason in the world why they may not be made the years of defeat that precede our victories. Let us be guided by the moral that is to be drawn from the career of Queen's; let us, in defiance of defeat, persevere with redoubled determination to win back our erstwhile honors, and