

seen in Canada), and as the premier captain that the University has ever produced. V. E. Henderson, the Varsity representative to the O.R.F.U., was elected to the Executive of that body at its annual meeting on Saturday.

There has been a great development already in athletics this year, a development that has been so marked that all who take an interest in them cannot fail to have been struck by it. When I first entered the University in the fall of '95, the year in which we won the Championship of Canada in Rugby, and the first year of the Inter-Collegiate Association series, so few men regularly turned out for Rugby, that, after the defeat of the Intermediate team in the first round, several members of the Juniors regularly played on the first "scrub." This year there are 23 members in the First team, 20 members in the Intermediate, and 28 men in all played with the Juniors; and besides these three teams there were at least 20 men who turned out more or less regularly during the season. The increase in interest in Association has been quite as marked. This year there were nine Senior clubs, all of which, with the exception of McMaster and Osgoode, were from Colleges and Faculties of the University; and eight Intermediate, of which four were also from the University. In 1895 there were but eight senior teams in the league, six from the University. Not only has the number of players increased, but, and correlated with this, the number of supporters and the interest taken in athletics enormously increased. This, again, has led to a great spread of the much-longed-for "College," or better, "University spirit." For many years the School of Science and University College have stood close as brothers, and have worked side by side, and it was amongst their members that one found the most ardent searching after a widening of their sympathies

and strongest pulse of University life. This year the Medical Faculty has begun to throb with the same spirit which has led them to call themselves "Varsity Meds.," and feel that they, too, with Arts and Science, were an integral part of this great University. Most markedly was this feeling shown at the annual Dinner of the Faculty last Thursday, when one no longer heard class yells, but the enthusiastic chanting of "Varsity."

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How you kin stop the fiercest storm when it begins to
brew,

An' take the sting from what commenced to rankle
when 'twas spoke,
By sittin' still an' treatin' it 'sif it was a joke;
Ye'll find that you kin fill the space with smiles in-
stead o' tears,

An' keep the sunshine gleamin' through the shadow
o' the years,

By jes laffin'.

Folks sometimes fail to note the possibilities that lies
In the way yer mouth's acurvin' an' the twinkle in yer
eyes;

It aint so much what's said that hurts, as what you
think lies hid,

It aint so much the doin', as the way the thing is did;
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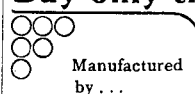
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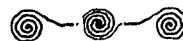
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