

forced to the mat. After this clever exhibition the members of the Wrestling Club would be perfectly justified in saying, with Burke: "He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill."

To the strains of soft music from the orchestra provided for the occasion, Mr. Pickering, of New York, gave a fascinating exhibition of club swinging. He made a hit with the audience and was enthusiastically encored.

The final event on the programme was the bout between Messrs. Alford and McCarthy for the heavyweight boxing championship. At the end of the second round the judges gave the decision to Alford. Some of the spectators seemed inclined to step out into the ring and have a bout with each judge in turn when the decision was rendered. But to those who were most loud in their protestations it might be said that all the decisions given during the evening were on points and not on the ability to slug a man into unconsciousness. Fortunately, or perhaps, unfortunately, in the eyes of those who were "out for gore," no man was knocked into insensibility.

The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close one of the best entertainments ever given under the auspices of the McGill Boxing and Wrestling Clubs. The officers of both clubs take this opportunity of extending their heartiest thanks to Mr. Jacombe, to whom the success of the entertain is due. Mr. Jacombe is untiring in his efforts for the production of the true athletic spirit among the students of "Old McGill," and any one who comes under his instruction is sure to be imbued with it.

The entertainment was one which not only provided sport for the spectators, but also gave them an idea of the splendid sportsmanship which prevails in the above-mentioned clubs. Any student who has spent three or four years' steady exercise in either of these two clubs can

easily hold his own on a dark night with any Montreal thus or Parisian "apache." This training engenders a wholesome confidence in one's own prowess which, if not carried to excess, will prove useful in after life and prepare one for this world in which a man must, as Longfellow says, "either be anvil or hammer."

BASKETBALL.

The intercollegiate basketball schedule closed on Friday last, when McGill defeated Queen's in Kingston by a score of 29-26. **McGILL 29** This leaves the standing **QUEEN'S 26** of the league as follows:

	Won.	Lost.
Toronto	4	0
McGill	2	2
Queen's	0	4

'Varsity, then, are the first intercollegiate basketball champions.

To those that have been following the fortunes of the McGill team the improvement in their style of play has appeared most marked. In the opening game in Toronto the men had not found their positions and the game was lost. The next game, with Queen's at McGill, was won, but the quality of the play was scarcely up to intercollegiate standard. Good quality of ball, however, was played in the Toronto fixture at McGill, and it was shown that was chiefly lost the game for McGill was inability to stay the full hour. This defect in physical condition was remedied for the final game, and McGill went into the struggle better prepared, both as regards condition and team play than at any time during the season. The teams lined up as follows:

McGill.—J. Menzies, home; Douglas (capt.), home; Duffield, centre; Dennison and Fortier, defense.

Queen's.—P. Menzies and Leckie, home; Cormack (capt), centre; Fleming and Van Sickle, defense.