

Sports.

THE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC MEETING.

Shortly after the issue of our last, a meeting was held to decide whether we should hold an athletic meeting this fall. Although the time was short, it was unanimously decided that such a gathering should take place, and the following committee was appointed:—*Arts*, Rodger, Stevenson, and McLennan; *Medicine*, Cline, Jones and Molson; *Law*, Baynes and Abbott. Subscriptions were solicited, and a programme was prepared, and the races were appointed for the morning and afternoon of Friday, the 31st ult. The day was glorious, all the three hundred students who look a last anxious look at the sky before they retired on Thursday night, had their hearts relieved as they stepped out on Friday morning—the air was fresh and bracing, sky clear, and the sun was shining brightly. At half-past ten a large crowd of students, professors, and friends of the college, were on the ground, where the following programme was promptly carried out without any thing occurring to mar the harmony of the entertainment:—

No. 1. *Two Miles*.—Five Entries—Bomberby and Hannington came to scratch. On the seventh round Bomberby dropped out, and Hannington keeping on finished with a magnificent spurt.

No. 2. *Broad Jump* (standing).—Nine came up. The result was Lang, 10 ft. 7½ inches.

No. 3. *Throwing Hammer* (16 lbs.).—Five to scratch. McDonald, 60 ft. 9 inches.

No. 4. *Running Hop, Step and Jump*.—Twenty to scratch. Baynes, 38 ft. 5 inches.

No. 5. *Pulling Weight* (56 lbs.).—Six entries.—McDonald, 19 ft. 2½ inches.

No. 6. *High Jump*.—Eight entries. Won by Clark, 5 ft.

No. 7. *Throwing the Cricket Ball*.—Seventeen entries, sixteen threw. Lang won with 93 yds. 1 ft.; Nellis, 93 yds. 4 in.

AFTERNOON.

Promptly at 2.30, the first race was called, and Page, Clark, Boswell, Fleming and Hannington came to the scratch. At the snap they got off evenly, and on the first turn Page led, followed by Boswell, Fleming, Clark and Hannington. Hannington dropped out on the second round, Boswell on the third, and they came in as follows:—Page first; then Boswell a rod behind, and Clark about as far behind him. The prize for this race was a handsome medal, presented by W. C. McDonald, Esq., who by this gift, shows that he takes an interest in the physical, as by his other munificent donations he does in our mental development.

The *Hundred Yards*.—Seven men go down to the starting post for this race, probably after the *Quarter* the most important; for it eighteen, entries had been made, but most of the poor ones had withdrawn before the bell was rung, and only seven men of approved speed took the mark. A false start was made; Washburn and Joseph run out the full distance—but the others turn, and after some little delay, Amaron, Joseph, Thomas, Frothingham, Rodger and Nellis, are ready to go. At the snap they are off all together about a third of the way down, when Nellis drew to the front, and at a clipping pace passes the stand and comes in fully five yards ahead of Thomas, the second man. In the next heat Thomas and Nellis change places, and he wins as gamely in 11.30. Now *Arts* and *Medicine* each have a heat, and in the generous rivalry each man resolves to do his best for the honour of his Faculty. Away they go about even, the little man beside the big, the rest not up. Half way down they are still abreast; opposite the stand no change; the excitement is intense—will it be a dead heat? No! a thousand times no! for Thomas puts on a spurt, draws ahead, and wins in 11.45.

No. 3. *Half-Mile*.—Medal presented by the Graduates.—Page, Brouillette, and McDougall start at a snail's pace, kept up by all on the first round. On the second, Brouillette, whose running was really fine considering the track, gradually gained on the others, and landed himself a winner, the others about even some forty yards behind.

No. 4. *The Three-Legged Race*.—Joseph and Thomas, Harvey and McDougall, and Robertson and Fleming start. Amidst the shouts of the crowd they gallop along the hundred yards, now one pair ahead, now another. "Cock" and his freshman double seem nearly down, but save themselves in some inexplicable manner, and stumble on to the winning post; the first *gemi*ni past the flag were Thomas and Joseph.

No. 5. *The Sheepchase*.—Of the eighteen entries only Fleming, Page, Baynes, and McDougall turn up at the call—fourteen fences and two ten-foot water jumps in seven-eighths of a mile terrifying the rest. Over two hurdles and a stiff four foot

fence they go, with Baynes in front. Then he mistakes the course and the rest get in front; he soon resumes his old place and leads over two more fences and then the water jump. Here are at least four hundred people looking to see a splash—disappointment awaits them, for all clear it but Page, who drops out. Round again, when all clear it in the nearest possible manner, and spurt for the finish; when they come in, Baynes first, then McDougall, and next Fleming. Baynes winning the handsome locket presented by the Professors.

No. 6. *Kicking the Football*.—When the Sports were first undertaken, the Montreal Football Club immediately offered to present the prize for kicking the football. This is a graceful recognition of their gratitude for playing on our ground, and in the spirit of kindness in which it was offered was gratefully accepted by the Committee. Eleven men kicked, but as it was impossible to keep the crowd back many of the attempts were lost. It was won by Thomas, with a kick of 54 yards. We may remark in passing that 42 yards was the best kick at the Quebec games this fall.

No. 7. *Quarter Mile, for the Championship of the University*. A Cup presented by the Governors of the University.—Five came to the post, Baynes, Thomas, Brouillette, Stevenson, and Taylor, A.D. Taylor led until the hundred yards flag was passed, when Thomas, who drew up from third, where he had been running easily, passed him and came in a winner. Taylor second. Time, 59½ sec.

No. 8. *One Mile*.—Won by Allan in a walk over.

No. 9. *Hurdle Race*, 220 yards, over six hurdles.—Won by Amaron, Joseph second. The prize for this was a magnificent Gold Medal, presented by the Hon. Chancellor Day.

No. 10. *Quarter Mile Heats*. Open.—Allan and Davy ran, Davy winning the first heat, and Allan the second and third.

No. 11. *Half-Mile*.—To members of Rifle Corps in undress uniform. Four men started clad in the handsome uniform of the University Rifle Corps: Campbell, Cameron, Tunstall, and McDougall. Cameron sprained his ankle on the second round, and of course had to stop—and Campbell and Tunstall tied on the finish—and the race will be run off on Monday. The prize was presented by Lieut.-Col. Bond.

Immediately after the conclusion of the races, the greater part of the spectators entered the Molson Hall, where the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. Day. When this was finished, the Chancellor, the Hon. Justice Day, was asked to address a few words to the audience. On his appearance he was loudly applauded by the students, for we have reason to be proud of our head, and spoke as follows:—

Ladies and Gentlemen, Gentlemen Undergraduates:

"Although there is not much connection between the understanding which win races and the understanding which makes speeches, I have great pleasure in addressing a few words to you this afternoon. I am rejoiced to see that these athletic sports have been so successfully carried out this afternoon; I think the physical training of the student is no more to be neglected than is his mental, for on it depends those qualities of pluck and endurance which are necessary to insure success in life. I hope that these sports may be made an annual affair, and that in future years, they may draw as large a number of spectators and be as keenly contested as they have been to-day. In conclusion let me, on behalf of the spectators, congratulate the Committee on the successful manner in which they have arranged and carried out the long and interesting programme of to-day's sports."

After cheers for the Chancellor and Mrs. Day, the Principal and the Ladies, the Athletic Sports Meeting of 1873 was brought to a conclusion.

We need hardly express, in fact we cannot, our gratification, in the first place, that the Sports were inaugurated, and again that they were so successfully carried out. The arrangements of the Committee were excellent, and there was very little delay between the events.

It may be said that the Sports were rather a means of seeing what athletic feats our undergraduates are capable of, than as contests for supremacy. In some races it was entirely doubtful who was the favourite, so little did we know of each other's athletic powers. In the future, this will be different. We hope that succeeding years will not let drop this meeting. It is good in itself, it meets with the approval of the authorities, and its difficulties are easily overcome.

The Committee have desired us to proffer their thanks to Mrs. Day, who presented the prizes, and to the other ladies who were present on the field, to Professors Craik, Armstrong, and Mr. C. P. Davidson, the judges, and the patrons of the sports.

There were some three or four thousand people on the field