

THE VARSITY.

the matter to the attention of the authorities, who, after much discussion, consented to remove the location of the building to its present position, on the understanding that the Committee should bear the expense of the removal. The Committee agreed to assume this heavy responsibility rather than sacrifice the field. The work was then pushed forward as speedily as possible, and the gymnasium part was ready for occupation by the spring of 1893. In the following summer the front or Students' Union part was erected, the whole building thus being made complete.

The Gymnasium Committee which carried out the work of construction so ably and so well is indeed deserving of the high praise bestowed on them by THE VARSITY of Nov. 7th, 1894. "They went through an amazing amount of work, and brought to completion the most ambitious and extensive undertaking ever planned by the students of the University of Toronto. Too much cannot be said of the business capacity and faithfulness of these men, who gave so much of time and thought to secure a success, the glory of which, once achieved, is only too apt to be shared by all alike, irrespective of the part played by them in obtaining it." The members who composed this energetic committee were: President A. T. De Lury, Secretaries E. B. Horne and W. B. Hendry, W. P. Thompson, J. D. Webster, Ed. Gillis, R. E. Hooper, G. W. Orton, Neil McDougall, A. R. Goldie, J. C. Breckenridge, N. J. McArthur, J. Lorne McDougall, J. W. McIntosh, H. Rolph, A. A. Shepard, W. McDonald, W. A. McKinnon, J. G. Merrick.

In December of 1892, when the gymnasium part of the building was approaching completion a mass-meeting was called by the President of the Literary Society to discuss the formation of a General Society for the consideration of all matters affecting the students, and also to make provision for the future administration of the gymnasium. At that meeting Mr. Percy Parker, seconded by Mr. W. P. Reeve, introduced the resolution: "That this mass-meeting hereby expresses itself in favour of organizing the whole student body into a regularly constituted Society, in order that all business affecting the general interests of the students may receive proper and orderly consideration, and accordingly be more satisfactorily concluded."

Mr. J. D. Webster moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. W. P. Thompson, "That the part of student interests included under the head of athletics, be excepted from the control of the new Society, which is to be formed, and a separate Athletic Association constituted." A great deal of discussion then ensued concerning the best method of managing an Athletic Association. The question was finally put and the amendment carried by a large majority. Mr. R. S. Strath then brought forward a motion, "That a committee of five be appointed to draft a constitution for the new Athletic Society and to report to a mass meeting in January. The members of the committee to be: Messrs. Thompson, Webster, Parker, Goldie and Strath." The motion carried unanimously.

At the second mass meeting the constitution of the new Association was presented and formally adopted. An election of representatives from Arts, Medicine and the School of Science was held shortly afterwards which resulted as follows: President, J. D. Webster; Vice-Pres., D. M. Duncan; Sec'y-Treas., J. C. Breckenridge, and representatives from Arts, Medicine, and School of Science.

The directorate, when it assumed office in October of 1893, succeeded to the functions of the old Gymnasium Committee. The full charge of the gymnasium was entrusted to its care, as well as the general supervision of athletics at the university. During the first year of office, the work of equipping the gymnasium and fitting up the locker rooms was completed. Mr. Williams was engaged as instructor for the gymnasium, and a code of rules was drawn up for its regulation. The annual games and cross-country run were carried out with great success under the new association. In regard to finances, the year was most sat-

isfactory, the whole receipts amounting to \$2,509.60. The total expenditure for the year was \$2,482.7c, leaving on hand a balance of \$26.90.

The season of 1894-5 was an extremely important one in the history of the Association, and in order to bring out clearly the circumstances which materially affected the directorate, it will be necessary to pass almost unnoticed the good work that was done in the furtherance of athletics by the Association that year. Early in the fall a committee was formed for the purpose of encouraging bowling among the students. It consisted of two members from the directorate, two members from the active bowlers, and a member from the faculty. A team which this committee entered in the Toronto Bowling League, succeeded in winning second place in the tournament. The first assault-at-arms of the Fencing Club, under the patronage of the Association, was a most satisfactory exhibition, and the chief athletic event in the gymnasium during the year.

An attempt was made by the Athletic Association, late last fall, to secure the immediate control of the Students' Union Building; but, owing to some misunderstanding, it proved unsuccessful. Early in the Easter term a sub-committee, consisting of J. G. Merrick and L. L. Brown, was appointed to draft a set of rules to govern the entries in the Annual Games. The following were drawn up and adopted:—

1. Every contestant must be a *student*, taking a course in University College, Victoria, Medicine, School of Science, or any other of the affiliated colleges.

2. Students from other colleges contesting in the open events, must be students in good standing in their own college, and taking a course in any department of that college.

3. Any professional—definition of the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada—even though taking a full course in any college, is debarred from participating in these games.

4. The directorate, or any one appointed by them, will swear every contestant, at the time of his entry, that he is a student in good standing, and that he intends to continue his course for the full academic year.

Early in January the officers of the Association perceived that there was no hope of being able to meet the running expenses with the income derived merely from the fee. A serious deficit threatened, and as no outside resources were available, they decided to ask for an appropriation from the University Council. A meeting was held at the residence of President Loudon early in January, and the following document drawn up for submission to the University Council.

"To the President and Members of the Council of the University of Toronto:

GENTLEMEN.—On behalf of the Directorate of the University of Toronto Athletic Association, we respectfully request, that the following be the basis of an agreement between the Athletic Association and the University of Toronto Council, in regard to the proper administration of the gymnasium.

1. That the employees of the Athletic Association, including instructor, bowling-boy and others be appointed annually on the nomination of the Athletic Association, subject to the approval of the University of Toronto Council.

2. All gymnasium fees to be fixed by the Athletic Association, with the approval of the University of Toronto Council.

3. All accounts to be paid by the Bursar, on the certification of the officers of the Athletic Association.

4. All gymnasium fees collected by the Athletic Association to be paid in monthly to the Bursar after a deduction of 10 per cent for necessary expenses—giving of special prizes for competitions, etc. It being understood by this arrangement, that the authorities assume the debt of \$1,000 on the apparatus, at present carried by the