

practise faithfully and adhere strictly to the regulations of the club.

In past years there has existed a sort of go-as-you-please hockey team. Club meetings were discarded. Managers took a back seat. Trainers appeared on the scene after the game and said: I told you so, and then retired until the next game. What were the consequences? Did our first team win the laurels they should have won? Far from it, and, at the end of the season they had few victories to their credit. This year the officials of the club have taken a firm stand, and the players, on the other hand, are determined to make this season a memorable one in the annals of hockey.

HAND-BALL.

The 7th of Dec. is a day long to be remembered by lovers of hand-ball. The contestants were our most clever hand-ball players, viz; D. D. B.—, E. G., J. McN., J. B., W. B., and the famous A. O'T. The first game of the series was played as follows: E. G., J. McN.; versus A. O'T. and J. B. Brilliant and dashing plays on both sides, but O'T. and McD. were superior to their opponents, and in spite of E. G.'s famous swings, O'T. and J. B. won the first game by a score of 1 to 9.

The second game opened with a vim that drew prolonged applause from the audience. Time and again did O'T. and Jack endeavour to outwit their opponents, it was useless. The spectators thought that for once the champions had met their match. Not so. The game ended and O'T. and McD. were again victorious. The score card reads 7 to 9.

Now comes the final game. This time the sides are changed. J. McN., B.— and E. G. line up versus J. B., D. D. and O'T. The lookers-on are fairly wild with excitement. It is with difficulty that the umpire can be heard. He threatens to call the game off if order is not maintained. After a few words of warning to the players the game starts. It is impossible to describe the lightning plays, the quick "receives," and the sharp double cornered combinations. As the points on the score card increase the applause is tremendous. E. G.'s side is always a point ahead, still O'T.'s admirers are confident as the game draws to a close, and a hush falls on the audience. Bang! Bang! goes the ball, and Bang! Bang!! Smash!!! go the hopes of O'T.'s admirers. The score card reads 8 to 9 in favour of G.'s trio.