

Acta Rideiana.

Price 10 Cents.]

ST. CATHARINES, MIDSUMMER, 1896.

[25 Cents per Year.

Acta Rideiana.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE:

MR. H. G. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*
A. J. HILLS, H. L. HOYLES,
L. PRICE, S. C. NORSWORTHY, J. L. STREET.
G. M. MAIR, *Advertising Dept.*

THE ACTA.

It has been impossible to make the Midsummer number the great attraction we hoped this time to present. Outdoor sports and examinations claim every minute of our time, and the ACTA has to suffer. The dainty cover was designed specially for this number by J. L. Street, (IV.) and is a very fine specimen of his work.

Last Easter many complainrs were received from subscribers in the College that there were not enough spicy personals in the number, and as it is our desire, within the limits of our high aim, to gratify our patrons, we have endeavored this time to supply the required roasts. If some of those who were loudest in their complaints have been done brown, they must not wonder. We naturally gave them front seats at the fire, and they got a little scorched. Let not such be too critical of our first efforts at satire. Though each member of the Committee, in the anger of his heart, took for his motto: "Let there be gall enough in thy ink," he moderated considerably after a while and put in several lumps of sugar that at first were not intended.

The criticism of the Old Boys was of a much more appreciative kind. This shows that our magazine appeals to older and more thoughtful heads. Some fellows want a toy book with nursery rhymes and colored pictures of Puss in Boots.

Our subscription list has grown largely, a generous response having been made by Old Boys to the Easter appeal.

Rev. F. J. Steen, M. A., has been appointed to Professor of Church History at the Montreal Diocesan College, and Rev. F. B. Hodgins, B. A., has accepted the editorship of the *Evangelical Churchman*, and will reside in Toronto.

We congratulate Dr. E. M. Hooper, Courtney Kingstone, B. A., and C. C. Riordon, B. A., on their new titles.

The Sports.

For the second time in the history of the College, the day of the Athletic Sports was beautiful and fine—really fine. There were no rain showers and thunder storms as of old. This of course brought a large crowd from the town and many college friends over from Toronto; in fact the display of spring bonnets and gowns was the largest and most gorgeous we have yet seen at Fairvale. Altogether, we had a most pleasant day.

The races as a whole were not made in very quick time, no college records being broken and but one tied. This was partly due to the lack of competitors, and we hope that next year we shall see an improvement in this respect, especially in the senior events. If boys such as Miller, Street and Hills were to compete, perhaps matters might turn out differently. Howitt had exceedingly hard luck, as he came third in a number of races and second in one or two, but never managed to get a prize.

The 100 yards open was the best race of the day as regards time, Mitchell doing it in 10 $\frac{3}{5}$ seconds, while Harmer and Davis were close behind.

As usual, great interest was centred in the bicycle race. Walker, Steele and Gooderham, all on scratch, made a very pretty race among themselves, but were utterly unable to overcome the handicap given to the juniors, and Harry Gooderham won, Walker being second.

All the junior events were well contested. Baldwin, Bourne and Williams all ran well and made exciting races. The junior quarter mile, especially, was well contested, being decidedly the prettiest race of the day.

The sack and egg-and-spoon races afforded great amusement to the spectators. In the former Hatfield again showed his fine pluck and endurance, and won by a good margin. "Jim Crow" Nicholls had a good lead in the egg-and-spoon event, but unfortunately the egg jumped out of the spoon and he only came in third.

Mr. W. G. and Mr. George Gooderham again most kindly presented the Senior and Junior Championship Cups respectively. Both are beautiful ones and were greatly admired, as was also the one presented by Mr. Boyd.

At the conclusion of the races, Mrs. Gooderham gracefully presented the Championship Cups, and Mrs. Milner the other prizes.

Much credit for the success of the sports is