

"I guess it mus' be big," replied Jim, "'cause all 'em people what goes to meetin' are goin', an' I guess mother went, too, 'cause she said she'd wait for us there."

"Oh! I wish we c'd go to her now," said Daisy, crying bitterly. "Tim's gettin' too cold—an' the snow's comin' again."

Jim's pale face was now of a livid hue. He had put his ragged coat around Daisy, and his thin shirt was full of holes. He was shivering violently, but poor little Daisy was too young to notice his condition, and faithful Jim tried to confine her attention to the moaning dog.

And now the piercing wind died into a whisper. The clouds broke away and a few faint stars struggled out. The street was disclosed, filled with drifts, which crowded the children even in their narrow shelter.

There was silence now. Daisy, still clasping her dog to her breast, leaned her drowsy head against her brother and closed her eyes. His head had fallen against the door. His arms were clasped around his helpless sister, and his face, with the light upon it, was as the snow itself.

Another star appeared. The moon struggled through the broken clouds. A ray fell upon the faces of the sleeping children, and the dog was still.

Then the stars disappeared. The lowering clouds closed over the face of the pitying moon. The wind, gathering fresh vigor from its brief rest, rose again in mighty wrath and hurled the snow-drifts down the silent street. And the snow fell.

But the children felt it not. They had entered into the haven of rest. They had found that place of warmth and brightness where hunger and want are never known; where Peace and Plenty reign supreme, and where the lost are found again.

The little dog, creeping from his now cold resting place, licked the hands of the silent sleepers and crept piteously in missing their carresses, then crouched by their side in dull sorrow. While in the big church across the way the anthem rose higher and higher,—

"Peace on Earth; good-will to men."

C. M. M.

H. A. A. C.

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FOOTBALL NOTES.

On October 9th, the team played its first league game. Our opponents were the Wanderers, the champions of '96. The result was disastrous, as we are obliged to acknowledge. We were defeated by a score of 21—0, three goals and two tries. The only reason we can advance is that we were not in condition; but away with excuses, we were outplayed. Our team lined up as follows:—

Full Back, Harvie. Half Backs, Mooney, Archibald, Campbell, McDonald, W. Quarter Backs, Harrington, Stairs. Forwards, Logan, Capt., McLeod, Blois, Walker, McDonald, F., Lindsay, Stewart, Hay.

McDonald, Harrington and Stairs all played well, while for the Wanderers, Forrest T. Wood and H. Stephen excelled.

On the 16th, we met Dalhousie, the crack team of the year. We pulled together in this game, and with such effect that from start to finish it was anybody's game. Our forwards more than held their own with Dalhousie's giants. S. Murray scored for Dalhousie within five minutes after the game started, and things looked blue, but the boys were not discouraged, and went to work with a will and from that on outplayed their opponents. Dalhousie scored once again in that half. Before the whistle blew for half-time, Stairs, who played a brilliant game, scored a try. No goal was kicked, making the score 6—3. The second half was a series of desperate scrimmages about centre field, in which Dalhousie was worsted. But luck was against us, and before the whistle blew for time, Dalhousie scored another try, making the score 9—3. For the Academy, Archibald and McDonald at half, Harrington and Stairs at quarter, and Stewart, C. McDonald and Blois all played splendidly. For Dalhousie, Hebb, S. Murray, McLeod and Cook played well. The result of this game was very satisfactory, as subsequent events proved. Dalhousie swept everything before them, defeating all the other teams by large scores.

On October 23rd, we met our old opponents, the Columbias, on the Wanderers' grounds. We succeeded in defeating them, after a very close and poor game. In the first half we had things very much our own way, and F. McDonald scored a try. No goal was kicked. In the second half the order of things was reversed, and we were on the defensive the whole time. They nearly scored on several occasions, but the tackling of our halves saved us. On one occasion Carr, of Columbias, having cleared the field, was within two yards of the line and sure to score, when, to make more sure of it, he passed to Crockett, but he had passed forward and the ball was brought back. We soon forced it back and kept it out of danger until the whistle blew for time. Score 3—0. Our team was without W. McDonald, C. McDonald and Lindsay. The former had his collar bone broken in practice. His place was taken by Reynolds, who played a very strong game. J. McDonald and H. Blois took the vacant places in the forwards. McDonald, Archibald, C. Blois, Harrington and Mooney all played a first-class game. Anderson, at full-back, is a corker. For the Columbias, Carr, Morrison and Crockett all played well.

We played our last league game on October 30, against the Y. M. C. A. We were again victorious, after a hard-fought game. The first half was in favor of the Y. M. C. A., but we kept them from scoring, and our boys were in much better condition at the end of the half than at the beginning. Shortly after the beginning of the second half, we rushed it up to their line, and F. McDonald shot across for a try. The kick for goal failed. We were satisfied after that to keep them from scoring, and only once was our goal in danger, but a free kick for handling the ball in the scrimmage removed the danger. The game ended with the score 3—0. The feature of the game was the manner in which Harrington handled the old Dalhousian, Barnstead. He was no match for "Buck," who played all around him. C. McDonald, Blois, F. McDonald, Harrington, Stairs, Mooney and Archibald all played good football. Anderson played a magnificent game. For the Y. M. C. A., Hugill, Crocker, Magdworth and Ewing all played well.