

is done and when the referee blows his whistle announcing that the match is over, there is great cheering as everyone supposed that Varsity had won the match by a score of eight to nine, but as mentioned above the referee's telegram differed from such a conclusion. The Montrealers themselves were surprised when they heard the referee's decision. It was certainly a very unsatisfactory ending to such a splendid exhibition of football. The Varsity players, however, look upon it as a victory and they have every reason to entertain such an opinion, even though the referee should think otherwise.

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Football is over and the season of hockey and snowshoeing is at hand. It seems rather out of place to mention hockey and snowshoeing, when there is no snow on the ground, but "it is not always thus" in December and it is to be hoped that ere we meet after the Christmas recess, we shall have the real Canadian winter. There is not much need of suggesting the organization of the hockey club as the hockey-players are so enthusiastic over their favorite game that they will be chasing the puck as soon as the weather permits. With regard to snowshoeing it is different. In the last year or two, there has not been quite so much interest taken in that healthy sport as there was formerly. We hope, however, that our athletes will bestir themselves and reorganize the old club on a firmer basis than ever. There is splendid snowshoeing country around Ottawa and there is no reason why we should not have a few good tramps this winter to Gatineau, Aylmer and other places.

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THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BANQUET.

The Annual Banquet of the Athletic Association took place on Saturday, Nov. 18th. At eight o'clock in the evening of that day, over two hundred students and guests sat down to a sumptuous feast in the University dining-hall. Tastily arranged garnet and grey hunting hung in loops from every pillar, and lanterns of Japanese manufacture and pattern emitted their mellow light as though to soften the brilliancy of the more modern incandescent, so that the eye might not tire regarding the various scores that in large figures were hung on the walls. In truth, the decorations were such as to almost lead one to believe that they were the work of daintier hands than those of athletes. The players of both teams were seated in the cen-

tre of the hall and the other members of the association found places at either of the side tables. After full justice had been done to the tempting and appetizing repast, speeches and songs were in order. There was one feature of this latter part of the programme that was most commendable, and that was that there were fewer speeches and more songs than is usually the case on such occasions. There were but three speakers, Rev. Father Nolin, O.M.I. and Messrs. M. F. Fallon and C. D. Gaudet, the captain of the football team; but they said all that was to be said and said it in a spicy after-dinner style. They reviewed our college athletics in general and the record of our football team in particular, drew attention to the fact that a student's direct or indirect participation in athletics did not necessarily imply a negligence on his part of matters pertaining to class, but that, on the contrary, experience had shown that the physical excellence resulting from a moderate participation in athletics was most beneficial to young men who were daily confined for hours within the narrow limits of study-halls and class-rooms. Athletics, they said, were the means of teaching young men many a lesson of coolness, patience, perseverance and control of temper, which would serve them to good purpose in the struggles of after life. During the intermissions there was music, vocal and instrumental. Messrs. J. Cosgrove and T. Clancy, who executed a piano and violin duet, proved themselves valuable acquisitions to the Glee Club. The Varsity quartette, Messrs. T. Tetreau, W. J. Leonard, T. J. Rigney and C. Valcourt, rendered in good form "The Song of the Steeple Bells." Mr. Leonard followed with "Always Together," and Mr. Tetreau was heard to advantage in "The Skippers of St. Ives," and had to respond to an *encore*. Then Mr. T. Troy was called on for a recitation, and furnished much amusement by a display of his hitherto latent histrionic abilities. The Varsity Chorus, with Mr. F. Lamoureux as soloist, and "Auld Lang Syne," brought to a close the best banquet that has ever been held under the auspices of the Athletic Association. The committee are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts, and the thanks of the students are largely due to our lady friend in the city who on hearing at the eleven-th hour that the banquet was to take place, took a very tangible way of wishing success to our festive gathering.

During the past football season Rev. Father Quinn, O.M.I., took a keen interest in the team and did much to ensure its success, and the thanks of the Athletic Association are due him for his untiring efforts in their behalf.