

Athletics.

THE UNIVERSITY RINK.

After considerable delay on account of most exasperating thaws, which came just when the Committee did not want them, the Rink was finally opened for skating on Christmas afternoon and is now in full swing. Last season there was a good deal of dissatisfaction expressed by those members who desired only to skate, that the hockey matches and practices were so numerous that they had not enough time; while from the hockey fiends came a counter complaint that the skaters had too much time, and that games which were so important and interesting should be allowed more time. In order to better accommodate all parties concerned, the Committee this year determined to have two rinks side by side, one reserved for skating, and the other for hockey. This plan has met with great success so far, for 33 hockey practices a week appear on the schedule as well as 1 inter-

faculty and 3 inter-class matches, while on the other side of the partition separating the two rinks may usually be seen men students and Donalds skating quietly around, or watching the hockey players chasing the harmless little piece of rubber. Of course this has meant extra expense to the Committee, both in the first cost of flooding, etc., and in the subsequent expense of keeping the ice smooth and clear of snow. Another not inconsiderable item of expense over last year is the lighting account, and those who had to play hockey matches last winter in the intervals between the times when the lights were out will appreciate the endeavours of the Committee to have good and steady lighting. In view of these extra expenses which have been incurred, it will be necessary for the students to support the rink even in larger numbers than they did last year, for the Committee cannot otherwise make the Skating Club successful from a financial standpoint.

Class Reports.

COMPARATIVE MEDICINE CLASS NOTES.

"Le jeu ne vaut pas la chandelle."

The recent criticism of the "Veterinary Journal" by other Professional Magazines for publishing what is termed "a five-page idiotic and clumsily constructed Lecture," entitled "A Prophetic Vision," re the complete extinction of the horse, was well merited, and yet we think of the two, the worse form is shewn by those which waste so much of their valuable space in discussing our Profession from a social point of view. For those who fully appreciate the role of Veterinary Science, in conserving the vast live stock interests of the world, in protecting man from the many serious diseases transmissible to him from the lower animals, and in ministering to the ailments of dumb creatures, no further proof of the dignity and honor of our Profession is necessary, whilst its social status is surely a personal matter, and depends largely as in all other walks of life, on education and associates. It seems unworthy, therefore, of our otherwise scientific and popular Journals to twaddle so frequently on this subject, uninteresting as it is to us, whilst to those few whose judgment is warped by a misconception of our mission, or an arrested mental development, its therapeutic value is doubtful.

The propriety of ladies entering the Veterinary Profession, in spite of the tendency they seem to be developing in that direction in New York, is another question which it seems might be treated a little less frequently, inasmuch as the practical application of this absurd idea will assuredly and swiftly work its own destruction. One of her first cases in these tuberculous times would probably be the testing of some herd, and the most up to date spinster would certainly throw up the sponge when she found herself taking the temperature of a festive bovine, who, with a familiarity that is both contemptuous and painful, applies upper cuts over that region which in the frog has been proved to cause death from shock to either the cardiac or respiratory centre.

We trust that the recent excellent contribution on the FORTNIGHTLY will be read, marked, learned and inwardly digested by all, especially that portion of it which so clearly defines the hitherto obsolete duties of our class reporters. As our predecessors approved of the system under which it is managed, and supported it, we, by electing representatives to occupy a position on the staff, are bound to act in a similar manner. From personal correspondence we find that our Faculty is the only Comparative Medicine School on this