

THE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF '93.

The proceedings of this Society were made additionally interesting last Saturday by an address from Professor Baldwin, to which all the undergraduates were invited. A goodly number were present besides the members of the Society, and at the close of the lecture a hearty testimony was given by the audience of its appreciation of the lecturer's treatment of his subject.

His theme was "The Association Philosophy," and in a concise and interesting manner a broad view was given of that philosophy and its present influence, the tendencies of present day thought, and the problems that demand investigation and solution by philosophers. The distinction between the old and new Associationism was pointed out, the former being represented by such names as Hobbes, Locke and Hume; while the latter finds its exponents in the physiological associationists of England and the evolutionists in general. In opposition to this school are those who hold to a spiritual theory of mind, or as Prof. Baldwin prefers to call them "Apperceptionists."

The old methods by which Associationism was met are insufficient against its modern development. It will not do to sneer at Biology. The duty of the philosopher of to-day is to become thoroughly acquainted with facts and the knowledge of what the brain and nervous system in general do, and by a consideration of the fundamental position of the Associationist meet his arguments. Around this question clusters the great positions represented in the conflict to-day—theories of knowledge, theories of will, ethical problems. In closing, the lecturer showed how important it is that the popular view of philosophy and metaphysics should be changed and made orthodox. Philosophy is not divorced from life, and is not simply for a specialist in the university halls. It has a vital relation to all life, and any philosophy is invalid that does not give earnestness and solidity to life and that does not prepare its student for life.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

BASEBALL.

Manager Peat has received a letter from the baseball club of Cornell, offering the Varsity team a good guarantee for a game in the spring. No action has been taken, but if a team is decided upon Cornell will be visited. An offer has also been received from the Staten Island club, of which Erastus Wiman is president. It is altogether likely that home and home games will be arranged with Ottawa College, St. Michael's and Trinity.

LACROSSE MEETING.

"Small, but enthusiastic," is the set phrase which aptly describes the Lacrosse meeting held on Saturday, the 14th, at the Medical College. Mr. H. F. McConaghy was in the chair. The meeting decided, if the proposed trip to England matured, to play twenty matches, remaining in England and Ireland six weeks and starting either immediately after the supplementals or in midsummer. The greatest difficulty is to make the trip at a time suitable to both the English teams and the University team. Mr. Henry, the secretary, read two letters, one from Mr. J. Neil, Hon. Sec North of England Lacrosse Association, who was a member of the reception committee to the Torontos on their trip, in which that gentleman said that their association would probably send a team to Canada in the near future, and show the Canadians what progress in the game they had made. The other letter was from E. O. Swallow, ex-vice-president of the same association. Both these gentlemen think the idea of the University team a good one and assure them that they are almost certain to meet with success, that is financially. If the lacrosse club decides to make the trip the student body as a whole should give their hearty support to this somewhat large enterprise, and thereby lessen the work of those who have it in hand.

BEAULTS VS. U. C. C.

The paths of glory were not found passable by the Beaults on Tuesday last, when they began their career on skates, and suffered defeat at the hands of the Upper Canada College Hockey team. This was the initial match of the season and a lamentable want of practice was manifest. Considering, however, the strength of the opposing team, which is as yet unconquered, the Beaults are to be congratulated upon their good showing. The team was as follows: *Goal*: Clarke, '94; *Point*: Cameron, '94; *Cover*: Gilmour, '94; *Forwards*: Carling, '91; McQuarrie, '92; White, '92; Clayes, '94. Two goals were scored by U.C.C. in the first half. In the second Carling was injured and retired, being replaced by Jones, but no scoring was done. The team with some practice will, undoubtedly be able to play a very strong game.

NOTES.

The Beaults are contemplating several games of hockey this week, but none are as yet definitely arranged. A communication has been received from Trinity, asking for a game which will, in all probability, be played this afternoon on the Alexandra Rink, King Street West.

The Second Granites have also expressed a desire to play a game with the representatives from Residence, and will probably be met on Wednesday afternoon on the Granite Rink.

THE SPORTING SPIRIT OF RESIDENCE.

As the season for the annual meetings of the various athletic organizations of the college once more approaches, it is interesting to note the spirit which prevails in Residence. The true sporting coterie of the college is evidently located there, and it is certain that if it were not for their spirit and enthusiasm the athletic life of the college would suffer a very serious decline, and, in many departments, even decay and death might ensue. And further, it is certain that if this same spirit pervaded and characterized every class and division of the students of the University, a much better condition of things would be found, and college life in consequence would be much more beneficial and healthful for the student.

This characteristic of Residence has been as noticeable in the past as it is at present, and the cause of it is simply the result of its being a college residence, the result of the bond existing between a crowd of students who are in a measure isolated from the rest of the world and thrown upon their own resources. It is easily seen by a reference to the class lists that the effect is not harmful or to the discredit of Residence. And it is certain that as it is in a small, so it will be in a larger institution of the same kind. Even if there were no other reason for the extension of Residence, this one, taken from a purely sporting standpoint, is sufficient. For there is no doubt that the sporting department, if properly attended to, is the source of as much benefit to the student and to the college as to any other department of the University.

THE COLLEGE WORLD.

Dartmouth is to admit women as special students.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller has built a skating rink for the use of the Vassar girls.

The aggregate of contributions to American colleges during the year 1889 was \$40,000,000.

Seventy-one American colleges were represented by 185 students at the University of Berlin the past season.

Canada has forty colleges, Brazil has forty-five colleges and scientific schools, and India eighty colleges.—*Ex.*

Twenty thousand dollars have been subscribed by a Detroit man towards building a gym. for Michigan University.