

people declare that the money spent in buying flowers to be thrown into the grave could be put to better use. One writer suggests that if to satisfy mere sentiment we must continue still to bestow substantial tributes at the grave, it would be more reasonable to have the tributes take the form of whatever the deceased most valued in life. This suggestion opens wide possibility of innovation; for example, a dead bon-vivant would have his coffin strewn with cold asparagus and truffles, and an English officer of dragoons would be sprinkled down with brandy and soda. The sweet young thing who was cut off in the spring time of her beauty might have her grave filled up with such books as Dodo, and the heart-broken mourners might testify to the worth of the man-about-town by dropping complimentary tickets and tears on his casket.

I wonder what the directors of the Royal Jubilee Hospital mean in the matter of the maternity school, towards the establishment of which, in connection with the institution, the late Mr. Pemberton bequeathed \$2,000, and which bequest has been supplemented by his widow by \$1,500. They have been wrangling over the matter for months, and how they manage to spin out their debates is a mystery to me. In an ordinary debating club, there is a negative and affirmative to be sustained, but in the Royal Jubilee Hospital debating club, there appears to be, as I view it, only an affirmative on this question. A certain sum has been devoted for a certain purpose—the establishment of a maternity school—and this sum has been supplemented by one who, of all others, must have known the donor's intentions. Object—maternity school. Now, why the directors of the hospital should undertake to say that the donors are faulty in their benevolence, and that they (the directors) are right in their (the directors) opinions, is puzzling to me, at least. Before I depart this life, I would like to settle my worldly affairs. By that time, I hope to have something to leave—to some such beneficial institution as that contemplated in the will of my deceased friend, Mr. Pemberton. I have been spared—he has been taken away—and the result is that I gain some experience. If I were to leave my wealth (which, as aforesaid, I hope to possess) to the Salvation Army, I would hate to know in my future state or condition or existence (call it what you will) that it were donated to the propagation of Mormonism, or John Smithism, Jonesism, Brownism, or any other ism. If my dear departed friend willed that his \$2,000 should be devoted to a maternity school, what right have the directors of the Royal

Jubilee Hospital to say "We will accept your bounty, but apply it to an altogether different purpose."

SPORTING GOSSIP.

THE lacrosse match at Vancouver last Saturday, between the senior clubs of Victoria and New Westminster, resulted very unsatisfactorily, in so far as the decision of the referee was concerned. It was suggested by the secretary of the Westminster club that the game should begin at 2 o'clock p.m. On Oct. 17, Mr. Drury, secretary of the Victoria club, received the following telegram:

"Will you accept Suckling as referee? Will 2 o'clock suit for commencement of match? Will we charge 50c admission to grounds?"

J. MAHONY,
Sec. Westminster L. C."

After consulting with the members of the home club, Mr. Drury replied as follows:

"Won't accept Suckling; 2 o'clock will suit us; we favor 50c admission, if Brockton Point Association will allow it * * * Will be over Friday morning; writing."

R. L. DRURY,
Sec. V.L.C."

On the strength of the above Mr. Drury in conjunction with the President of the Brockton Point Athletic Association, and the secretary of the New Westminster club caused dodgers to be distributed announcing 2 o'clock as the hour for commencing the game. At the appointed hour the Victoria club arrived on the field, but the Westminster club failed to put in an appearance. When they did come, which was nearly three o'clock, it was discovered that they were a man short, and to gain time indulged in the most unreasonable objections. About 3:30, Ryal, the missing man, arrived on the grounds, in the most dramatic fashion, drawn by perspiring steeds in a mud-stained carriage. Then all previous objections were brushed aside, and the game commenced with Mr. E. A. Quigley as referee. It was evident to all that the match could not be concluded before dark, but in order that the people who had paid money to see it would not be disappointed the game proceeded.

From the first it was Victorias match, the only players on the Westminster team worth speaking of being Cheney and Spain, the latter lately released from the Vancouver club. On the Victoria side, W. Cullin, in goal, made some marvelous stops. Macnaughton played with all his old-time science and Eckardt held down Cheney. Frank Cullin put up a game equal to his best of this year, and the same might be said of Charley Cullin. The Williams brothers played a grand game, and Pete Blight was up to his usual standard of excellence. Ditchburn made some phenomenal catches, and

Morton—the much-abused Morton—played a manly game. Belfrey did good work, and Dave Patterson, although it was his off day, made some very effective plays.

While there was yet eleven minutes to play, one of the umpires refused to act, as it was growing dark. The game then stood 3 to 2 in favor of Victoria, without the slightest possible chance of Westminster winning. It was the fault of the latter club that the match did not begin at 2 o'clock, therefore it was contended by the Victorians, and reasonably so, that they were entitled to the game. Quigley refused to allow it, and the matter is therefore in the hands of the Provincial Association. It does seem as if, to put it mildly, Victoria is not going to get fair play from the Mainland.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Joseph Hunter is in Ottawa.

Hon. Theodore Davie and Mrs. Davie are at the Russell House, Ottawa.

The Arion Club will give their first concert for the season on Monday evening, at the A.O.U.W. Hall, Yates street.

Mr. W. W. Armstrong and wife, of Toronto, are at the Hotel Victoria on their way to San Francisco to visit Mrs. Armstrong's mother, Mrs. Pabst.

The Victoria Theatre Orchestra are going to give weekly dances in the A. O. U. W. Hall. They will be invitation dances and will be under Bandmaster Finn's charge.

The ladies of the Hebrew Association held another of their enjoyable monthly dances in their hall on Blanchard street, last Monday evening. The music was supplied by Richardson's orchestra.

The I.O.O.F. have arranged for a series of monthly dances at their hall, Douglas street, during the winter months. The first of the series will take place on Monday evening, 29th inst. The Bantly orchestra will furnish music for the event.

The Charity ball this year surpassed in brilliancy of success and attendance all former years. The committee having charge of the affair deserved credit for the manner in which they succeeded in contributing to the enjoyment of all.

Quite a novel plan has been decided upon in the distribution of the receipts of the Costume concert, to be given for the Protestant and Catholic Orphans' Homes on Nov. 14th. The monies will be handed over to each institution in ratio to the number of advance tickets sold by those interested in the respective Homes. Many tickets have been already sold.