

down town hall. The only alternative was the quadrangle, and this plan had many serious objections. The ceremony would lose in impressiveness and academic associations if held in the open air, and above all inclement weather would have marred to a great extent the proceedings. The authorities seem to have considered these objections too great, and the result was that the undergraduate body and the graduate body were represented only by a very small proportion of their numbers. The need of a Convocation Hall was never more keenly felt, and everyone will welcome the day when the University is provided with a hall adequate for all requirements.

SPORTS.

RUGBY.

The football season has opened most auspiciously for Varsity. With the I.'s and II.'s winners by large margins, and the III.'s losers by only two points it may truthfully be said that on Saturday "things were coming our way."

The first half of the afternoon game was close enough to please the most blase, but in the second McGill were always on the defensive, and only once was the ball inside Varsity's 25 yard line. Varsity outclassed their opponents behind the line: Baldwin's kicks and Hendry's runs were features of the game. The opposing wings were well matched, but in the scrimmage McGill seemed to have the advantage. At times the Montreal trio seemed to be pushing our scrimmage all over the lot, and moreover they got the ball out with much more accuracy and speed. The work of the two quarters was almost faultless, and there was little to choose between them, although the fact that Kenny was working behind a better scrimmage gave him somewhat of an advantage. "Jack" McCollum certainly "made good" as captain. The team were well drilled, and he had them in hand all the time. Varsity's tackling was almost faultless, and their touch-line tactics were successful in almost every case. Taken altogether the showing of the team was most satisfactory, and with a little bracing in certain spots they should land the championship.

The seconds also "did themselves proud" on Saturday morning by decisively defeating Trinity. They did not pile up such an overwhelming score as did last year's team, but the reason is not that Varsity II. has gone back, but that Trinity has gone ahead. The Trinity team has certainly greatly improved, and they put up an entirely different brand of football from that of last year, when the score in the two games with Varsity II. was 70—0 against them. The feature of Saturday's game was Stratton's punting.

Varsity 14—McGill 5.

The line-up was as follows:

Varsity—Back, G. Biggs; halves, Beatty, Baldwin, Hendry; quarter, P. Biggs; scrimmage, Campbell, Burnham, McLaren; wings, "Biddy" McLennan, "Rory" McLennan, Bryce, Paterson, McCollum (Capt.), Jermyn, Gilbert.

McGill—Back, Hamilton; halves, Howitt, Molson, Johnson; quarter, Kenny (Capt.); scrimmage, O'Brien,

Chambers, Pinch; wings, Waterous, Siefert, Martin, Nagle, Boulter, Graham.

Referee, Mr. Dalton (Queen's).

Umpire, Mr. Etherington (Queen's).

First Half.

The kick-off was followed by a series of scrimmages in which McGill gained some ground. A run by Johnson brought the ball almost to the Varsity line, where it remained for some minutes, with only the splendid tackling of the Varsity team keeping the Montrealers from crossing the line. A McGill free kick over the line was returned into touch 20 yards out, and another 20 yards was gained on a free kick awarded to Varsity. Here Capt. McCollum's men did some very fine tackling, such as is rarely seen so early in the season. A couple of free kicks well followed up brought the ball within McGill's 25-yard line, where it remained for some time. Finally Varsity were awarded a free kick directly in front of the goal, and Baldwin after putting the ball in play dropped a beautiful goal. Score, 5—0.

Shortly after the kick-off the ball was worked down to Varsity's 25-yard line, and Molson kicked into touch for a gain of 15 yards. A free kick for McGill took the ball to the Varsity goal line, and it was finally shoved over for a try, which was not converted. Score 5—5. This ended the scoring in the first half, and the play ended with the ball inside McGill's 25 yard line.

Second Half.

Immediately after the kick-off the ball was rushed down into McGill territory, where it remained during nearly the whole of the second half. Varsity went over the line, but were called back for an offside. Varsity secured the ball and a long pass out of scrimmage to George Biggs enabled him to make a 20-yard run into touch. Soon afterwards a combination run by the Biggs brothers took the ball right up to the McGill line. Varsity was awarded a free kick, and Baldwin punted over the dead ball line, making the score 6—5. The ball was again worked down to the McGill line, where the visitors were given a free kick. The kick was blocked and Hamilton rouged. Score: Varsity 7—McGill 5. Shortly afterwards, a punt over the line by Baldwin was followed up by the Varsity wings, and the McGill full-back was downed. Score: Varsity 8—McGill 5. The ball travelled up and down between the McGill goal and the 25-yard line, until finally Hendry secured the ball on a long pass from touch, and after a splendid run scored Varsity's only try, which Baldwin converted. Score: 14—5. After this McGill seemed to take a brace, and for a short time Varsity were on the defensive. The ball was worked up close to Varsity's line and kicked over, but Biggs relieved nicely. For the rest of the half the play was at Varsity's 25-yard line, but McGill did not seem to be able to get any nearer the goal, and the game ended without any further scoring.

Varsity II. 23—Trinity 2.

The teams were:—

Varsity II.—Back, Lang; halves, Harcourt, Stratton, Reynolds; quarter, Ballard (Capt.); scrimmage, Ross, Waterson, Empey; wings, Pearson (Morrison), Snively, McPherson, Bonnel, Kingsford, Madden, Martin.

Trinity—Back, Kerr (Dunfield); halves, Strathy, Patton, Burbidge; quarter, Sait (Capt.); scrimmage, Hewetson, McDonald, Sparling; wings, Richards, Wilkinson, Scarlett, Hammond, Kidd, Kelly, Dunfield.

Referee, Mr. Morrison.

Umpire, Mr. Boyce.