

The Journal is not sure that it favors professional coaching for the Rugby teams. It is convinced, however, that our players would not suffer from coaching at the hands of a competent man. Our football, too, will be cleaner and better if an amateur coach can be secured. As has been demonstrated time and again systematic coaching is indispensable in the production of a good team that distinguishes between rugby as a scientific game and rugby as a rough and tumble wrestle. The new game demands system and precision and gives greater scope for the work of the tactician.

If improvement of the present basis of the distribution of Qs is not made many will be disappointed. It is well to maintain an open mind on the matter and not to take it for granted that the present system is without merit or that it is beyond improvement. Those who favor some changes in the basis of distribution as well as those who do not would be satisfied with the verdict of a committee of investigation. The Athletic Committee should as far as possible be free from interference at the hands of the A.M.S. Should not a representative committee be appointed to investigate and recommend some action?

It is a pleasure that the Journal learns of the success of Dr. Campbell Laidlaw, who is at present pursuing advanced studies in London, Eng. Dr. Laidlaw immediately after his arrival in England had a place on the staff of St. Mary's Hospital, London. Recently, however, he has been appointed assistant physician and opsonist to the out-patient department of the Great North Central Hospital. It is our sincere hope and expectation that Dr. Laidlaw will continue to meet with the success and good fortune that his ability and energy so thoroughly merit.

The Journal, too, is thankful for a word of New Year greetings from Dr. R. K. Paterson. "Bob" is an ex-captain of our Rugby team and during his college career was considered one of the most honorable and able men at Queen's. Writing from 12 Gordon St., London, the seat of a colony of Queen's men, Dr. Paterson tells his impressions of English rugby. "I saw Oxford and Cambridge play their annual rugby contest in London a few weeks ago and liked the exhibition very well." The sportsmanlike spirit of the English footballists was a feature of the Oxford-Cambridge game that appealed to Dr. Paterson. "Never a word on the field but playing the game all the time."

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THE Arts Society is not in a healthy condition, and if it is to count for much more than a nonentity something must be done to create a greater interest in it and to increase the attendance at its meetings. Except on rare occasions it has been difficult to secure a bare quorum. So little, indeed, has been the interest shown in it that it would not be unreasonable to suppose that some of