

make any affirmation. They wish Christians to lead out in the paths of truth while they found fault; they pulled down but did not build up only on the vaguest suppositions. The man who lacks the religious element is not the highest man for these faculties are what distinguish man from the brute, and the most universal ideas are of religion and God. If we take great thinkers as our guide in this question we find them to be Christians, as Dawson and Dana, and if we judge from the highest morality we find it in Christian countries under Christian influences.

Referring to the Bible he showed its authenticity proved by the existence of 2000 MSS. of the New Testament. It is more reasonable to dispute the authenticity of Blackstone's writings for lack of original MSS. than Mark's gospel. The number of variations in the New Testament are fewer than in Shakspeare's texts. Time has proved the prophecies, experience has approved the moral teachings and Mr. Huxley says, if there be superhuman intelligences the possibility of miracles cannot be denied.

He paid a just tribute to the culture of our own Christian ministry rendering it more plain by comparison with infidel ignorance, and in conclusion said: "it is not best to let either intemperance or infidelity alone to die out. The importance of the present demand that we should meet error and combat with evil, prove the truth and support the right, for truth in a fair fight was never vanquished yet."

### FOOTBALL.

The "Challenge" has been accepted and the First Fifteen, accompanied by a score of enthusiastic fellow students, find themselves on board the evening train Friday, Nov. fifteenth, en route to Halifax. How the "Express" rattles and tumbles along through the cold November gloom. How the passengers frown and pretend not to listen when the boys sing the classic Bingo. How parental and benign appear certain seniors and juniors as they assist the man with the movable "Home for children." How facetious is "Logan" with his classic Latin and per-

sistent refusal to "come down." Babies cry, ladies talk, men growl, boys cheer, train groans, winds howl, and all goes merry as a marriage bell. Halifax at last and now we all crowd eagerly out to meet a hearty "how do" from Bowser, Thompson and "number five" of Dalhousie, who are on hand to meet us and show us to the Halifax, where further and more extensive welcome will make us glad.

At the Halifax we meet the Dalhousie Team and sit down with them to a right royal repast. Dr. Forrest presides, and the Wanderers are represented by Mr. Knight. Fifteens from Dalhousie and Acadia have met on similar occasions in the past, but never with the same good-will and friendliness as now.

After dinner come the speeches, Dr. Forrest leading off. On both sides we hear the hope and wish expressed that to-morrow's game may be a friendly one. No meaningless words these. The past has been at times bitter and unsatisfactory, but we believe that Friday's dinner and Saturday's match celebrated the burial of past enmities and the birth of a new spirit of generous forbearance and kindly sympathy between these two great maritime colleges.

But all too soon comes bed-time and we retire, at peace with all the world and especially with Dalhousie's First Fifteen. Morning--cold, clear and bracing. Is the ground hard, will it be slippery, will the wind blow, these, and numerous other questions are eagerly propounded. Breakfast over, we "do the town." The new college building is open for inspection, and thither we flock, being joined on the way by a second crowd of Acadians, who have come down on the morning train to see the match. How royally the boys of Dalhousie play the host. Their efforts at entertainment are so eminently successful that before we know it the time has come for dinner. Two hours later and we are on the field. No place here for correct coat and neat cravat. This is the hour of jerseys and canvas. "Line out Acadia." "Line out Dalhousie" and fifteen men in blue and red, face other fifteen in black and yellow, and await in silence the beginning of "the best game of football Halifax has seen this year."

"Are you all ready?" "Play ball." Captain Eaton kicks off for Acadia and places the ball in the hands of Dalhousie's half, who is tackled and held