

At Harvard, now, students may receive a B.A. at the end of three years, and an M.A. after having completed the four years' course, Ex.

Yale's freshman class this year, numbers 580 members, Ex.

The *St. John's Collegian* is fairly interesting. Its column entitled Inter Collegiate is spicy and newsy throughout.

The University of Chicago opened with an attendance of over 1,000. Harvard reports 2,804 students, University of Pennsylvania 1,950, Princeton 1,130, Oberlin 1,300, Cornell 1,600, Columbia 1,552. Ex.

The *Bates Student* is filled with short interesting criticisms of characters which figure in the standard works of English Literature. Simplicity, conciseness and neatness characterize the *Student*.

SPORTING NOTES.

On the 13th of November 'Varsity played out the series for the championship of the city. The game took place on the Metropolitan grounds. After a hotly contested and stubborn battle the 'Varsity men were declared victors and champions by a score of 19 to 3. The Ottawas, elated by the great victory they had gained over the McGill students, the preceding Saturday, proved themselves strong opponents and made things very interesting particularly in the first half which ended in their favor by a score of 3 to 1. In the second half 'Varsity played with something of its old-time dash, piling up a score of 18 points whilst the Ottawas were unable to increase their tally. There was no material change in the winning team except that Jimmy Murphy again appeared in his old position as half-back.

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At the annual meeting of the Ontario Rugby Union, which took place Saturday, the 19th of December, a few changes were made in the rules of the game. The position of umpire, had given rise to much

dispute during the various games of the past season, so that it was decided to clearly define his duties by the following rule.

"The umpire shall have power to stop the game, by sounding his whistle, for an infringement of the rules of off-side play, charging, hacking or obstructing, and on his whistle sounding, the ball shall be considered dead. His decision shall be final. He shall inform the referee of the infringement of any rules."

This rule, while it does not take away any power from the referee, makes the umpire's duty definite and does not leave his decisions to the caprice of the referee.

Another decision of great interest to any club that had the pleasure of playing on Queen's Lawn, that paradise of footballers, is to the effect that the executive will consider the fitness of grounds for the purpose of a foot-ball match, and make out their schedule accordingly. Mr. Dewar the delegate of the Hamilton club, no doubt had in mind the beautiful hills and dales of the Queen's football field, when he proposed this motion; for the only championship game which Hamilton had this year was played on *The Lawn*.

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In the distribution of spoils, Toronto as usual took its share, by placing on the executive six out of ten from Toronto. This, however, is such an ordinary thing for Hogtown to do, that it needs no comment. What we do complain of, is the fact that neither of the Ottawa teams is represented on the committee, whilst Osgoode Hall is unduly favored with three representatives.

The following are the names of the committee for the coming year: President, H. R. Grant, Queen's University; first vice-president, B. P. Dewar, Hamilton; second vice-president, W. J. Moran, Osgoode Hall; secretary-treasurer, R. K. Barber, Osgoode Hall; committee, Mr. Osler, Royal Military College; E. Chadwick, Trinity University; G. Clayes, Toronto University; N. Dick, Toronto; R. Martin, Osgoode Hall; A. Cunningham, C. I. Kingston.