

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of McGill Gazette.

GENTLEMEN,—We have every reason to congratulate ourselves on the great success of our athletic sports. They would, as Dr. Dawson justly remarked, throw credit on any University. But I think it would sound better in the ears of your readers if the error made in your last issue as regards the time of the championship race were corrected in your next. We all left the grounds with feelings of enjoyment and pleasure, unalloyed by but one unpleasant thought, and that was the injustice done to H. O'Heir in debarring him from the prize which he so fairly won. If he were ineligible to compete for any of the prizes, was it not the duty of the committee to find this out before he entered his name? Was it fair to allow him to compete, and then withhold from him the prize? I have been informed through your columns that the *Gazette* is intended to be a means of righting any grievance that may arise, and under this conviction I have been bold enough to express what I believe to be the general opinion of the students, hoping that every reader, concerned or unconcerned, will take it only in the light intended by the writer,  
AN UNDERGRADUATE.

[In reference to the above, we may state that, not being fully conversant with the reasons that led the management to exclude Mr. O'Heir, we shall leave it to any of the committee to explain through our columns, which we have no doubt they will be able to do to the satisfaction of all. We had already intended correcting the mistakes in our account of the sports.  
—[Eds. McG. G.]

## THE FOOT-BALL MATCHES.

On the 23th of October, 'Canada' and 'Harvard' faced each other on the foot ball field for the second time. The match was expected to be well contested, and although the Canadian team was not so strong as it might have been, (owing to Hamilton's failure in sending its quota) yet it was thought to be more than a match for Harvard: which turned out to be a miserable delusion. The ball was kicked off at three o'clock, and in a few minutes came down to the Canadian goals, where it remained during almost the whole first half of the game. The Harvard men were well captained, knew their positions and always played together; ours went half-a-dozen strong into the scrimmages to shove against one opponent; followed up the ball leisurely, and captained themselves.

Still though overmatched as a team, their individual play was very good; Perram worked like a hero, and was well backed by Molson, Scriver and one of the London men. Their efforts were, nevertheless, in vain; about fifteen minutes after play began, Seaman sent the ball flying through goals like a rocket. During the remainder of the first three-quarters of an hour, 'Harvard' had altogether the best of it, taking another goal (kicked by Whiting) and a touch down, besides *rouges*.

The last half time the Canadians seemed to be better acquainted with each other, and played a far stronger game. The tackling was sharp, and did not afford much scope for good runs, but Perram for Canada, and Herrick for the visitors, made some spirited dashes, and were heartily cheered by the numerous spectators. During the rest of the day, 'Canada'

tried in vain to retrieve her fallen fortunes, but when her men left the field, it was with the consciousness of having been well beaten.

The victors were entertained the same evening at the Carlton, but the gathering broke up somewhat early, as the 'Harvards' were engaged to play 'McGill' on Monday, and some of the Ontario men had to return at once.

It is a much pleasanter duty to record the 'McGill' vs. 'Harvard' match of the following Monday. Those who knew that the McGill Club had but thirty five members (half of them Freshmen), that there had been little or no practice during the previous fortnight, and that only three of its men had been placed on the 'All Canada' team, were loud in deprecating the folly of playing one which had so lately beaten the fifteen best (?) players of Canada. Our men were themselves somewhat nervous over the prospect, wondering how many goals 'Harvard' would take, and whether they might not get disgusted before the match was over, and leave without playing it out.

Before the ball was placed, a race came off between Messrs. Herrick of Cambridge, and Summerhayes of Montreal. Herrick had a two yards start, but did not seem to need it, for in the first heat he came in more than that distance ahead of his opponent. In the second, Summerhayes made an excellent start, and at about half-way to the winning post, they were running even, when suddenly Herrick fell out, and it was found that he had badly injured his leg; the race was thus left to Summerhayes, who ran the last heat alone. This unfortunate accident debarr'd Herrick from playing in the match, and Mr. Russell, accordingly, took his place.

At a quarter-past eleven play began, and to the surprise of most on the ground, the ball did not seem to have any particular liking for the McGill goals. The play grew warm about the middle of the field, and the fine tackling of our players, which had been noticed in the 'Town and Gown' match, was even better here; a man could hardly touch the ball but half-a-dozen were on him at once. All the McGill men forward played most pluckily, McGibbon, J. F. Scriver and Foster, deserving special notice; among the backs, Rogers, Nelson and Taylor, played very well. About ten minutes after the ball had been kicked off, a *foul* throw from touch gave the Harvards a chance and they rushed it down the field; Nelson touched it down behind goals, but the 'Harvards' claimed it. The matter was referred to the umpires, who decided in favor of 'McGill'; the ball was then run out and sent well up the field, and both sides were soon hard at work again, when an untoward event happened which threatened to put an end to the match. Whiting, the 'Harvard' captain, a very heavy man, got hold of the ball, and after passing two or three of his opponents, was tackled by A. D. Taylor; he slipped at the same moment and fell heavily, breaking the *fibula* about an inch above the ankle. Dr. Campbell, who happened to be on the grounds, did all that was possible for him under the circumstances. This checked the play for a while, but it was decided to proceed with the game. 'McGill' offering to put off one of her men, but 'Harvard' would not hear of it, and lost nothing by her generosity. During the remainder of the first half-time no advantage was gained by either side, and time was called leaving 'McGill' ahead, with three *rouges* against two for 'Harvard'; in the same time, the proceeding Saturday, 'All Canada' had lost two games, one touch and several *rouges*.

Play again commenced, no longer finding the 'McGill' men 'shaking in their shoes' but elated with the successful stand they had made, and resolved to do their best to secure at least a draw; they could hope to do little more, as it had been arranged by the captains before the match, that the decision would depend only on the number of goals taken. For some