

tion in England to reform, in all its branches, comes from the great middle classes that Matthew Arnold has attempted to move them, has attempted to show that their standards of beauty, their religious ideas and their social prejudices are out of date and ridiculous. He has tried as one of them to emphasize the lesson that Paine embodied, some years ago, in his charming and suggestive work on England. As for Matthew Arnold himself, I cannot help regarding him as one of our great teachers, as a worthy successor to Dr. Johnson, to Burke, to Wordsworth, to Carlyle; as one to whose utterances we should ever listen with attention. We may not accept them without criticism. If we did so, we should be no true pupils of the master. But we can all profit by them; we can all of us recognize in him, what he has himself hailed with joy in others, a veritable voice and not a mere echo.

A LETTER.

MONTREAL, Sunday, Nov., 1883.

MY DEAR HEL: You have written me a very long letter, the sense of which is: are you a good boy, or are you the same as of old? I am going to answer your question, although I would like first to ask why you want to know. However, I fancy that piece of information will cost me merely a *titre-à-titre* in the dark, the next time I see you. I am going to answer your questions by telling you about some of the people I know here.

Ladies first, and *facile princeps* comes Katie, a young woman with beautiful teeth, a clear complexion, and the finest forearm you ever saw. She comes into my room every morning, and wakens me with a kiss that is like cold chicken—that is, there is a bit of tongue with it. By the way, Katie is a dog.

Then there is Lucy, whom, you remember, I used to know last year, but found too young for me; and now in a twelvemonth she has grown enough to hold my five or six years' superiority in great contempt. Lucy is a beauty and very charming; for every once in a while she comes out with a bit of ignorance which keeps me amused for a week; as, for instance, the other day, when she informed me that Christmas was held in honour of the Resurrection. Then, too, she keeps impressing on me (unconsciously, of course) how very little a girl need care for a man in order to run great risks for his sake. She is a very pious young woman, but her piety is like a palimpsest, a saint's life on top and a bit of Catullus underneath.

I was talking to my brother about her the other night, and holding forth on the good I was doing her. He laughed, and said, "Your way of doing good to a girl is to implant virtue in her for three days of the week, then spend the other four in plucking it up to see if it has taken root."

Perhaps he is right. I remember when we were little boys we had a pup who used to anticipate the servants in mangling the governor's shirts, for which I used to punish him; but I always gave him a fresh chance at the linen to see if the whipping had done any good.

I know another girl who is very different from the last, in every particular, except that she is pretty. She is—but here is a letter I got from her to-day:—

CHER AMI, — Tu n'es plus le même Arthur que je connaissais il y a deux ans, garçon charmant et vraiment rigolo. Je suis portée à croire que tu es amoureux d'une autre personne qui satisfait tous tes caprices, et alors tu ne penses plus à ta Louise qui t'aime encore.

Pourquoi es-tu si indifférent à mon égard? Je me suis demandé si j'ai pu causer ta négligence; mais bien au contraire j'ai tout fait pour te plaire. Je t'ai écrit, je suis allée te voir chez toi, et tu n'as pas eu la politesse de rendre ma visite, tu ne m'écris plus, en un mot tu es un bien vilain garçon.

There are two or three pages more of such stuff, but I will spare your patience, and besides I want to go to town now.

Write to me soon, and, if this letter has not tired you out, I'll tell you about the men I know.

Your ancient adorer,

ARTHUR FRESH.

ON NOSES.

"Knows he that never took a pinch,
Nosey, the pleasure thence which flows;
Knows he the titillating joy
Which my nose knows?"

O nose, I am as proud of thee
As any mountain of its snows!
I gaze on thee and feel that pride
A Roman knows.

Q. S. C. S.

Sporting News.

On the 24th of October the Rugby Football Union of England held their annual meeting at the Westminster Palace Hotel. After the election of officers, the meeting was made special for the consideration of various proposed alterations in the laws, with the following results:—

Proposed, J. Maclaren (President), seconded, A. Budd (Blackheath)—That Rule 19-20 be 19, and as follows:—"A maul in goal is when the ball is held inside the goal-line and one or more of the opposing side endeavour to touch it down. Those players only who are touching the ball with their hands when the maul begins, and then for so long only as they retain their hold, may continue in the maul. The ball shall be touched down where the maul is concluded; and shall belong to the players of the side who first had possession of it before the maul began, unless the opposite side have gained entire possession of it, or unless it has escaped from the hold of all parties engaged, in which latter event it shall belong to the defending side.—Carried. Proposed, J. Maclaren (President); seconded, H. Vassall (Marlborough Nomads):—That Rule 28 be 27, and the words omitted, "or from a punt out or a punt on." (See Rules 29 and 30.) That Rules 29, 30 be omitted. That Rule 44 be 41, and the words omitted "except in cases under rule 50." That Rules 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, be two new rules, Nos. 43 and 44, to read:—(43) A side, having touched the ball down in their opponents' goal, shall try at goal by a place-kick in the following manner—one of the players shall bring it up to the goal-line in a straight line (parallel to the touch-lines) from the spot where it was touched down (unless between the goal-posts, in which case he shall bring it up to either post), and there make a mark on the goal-line, and thence walk out with it in a line parallel to the touch-lines such distance as he thinks proper, and there place it for another of his side to kick.—Carried.—(44) The defending side may charge as soon as the ball touches the ground, the kicker's side must remain behind the ball until the try has been decided. If a goal be kicked, the game shall proceed as provided in Rule 40, present code; but if a goal be not kicked, or if the bringer out fail to make a mark on the goal-line, or allow any of his side to touch the ball before it has been kicked, the ball shall be dead forthwith and the game shall proceed by a kick-out, as provided in Rule 42, present code.—Carried. That Rule 54 be 45, and the words omitted, "The opposite side in case of a punt out or a punt on, and the kicker's side in all cases may not charge until the ball has been kicked."—Carried. That Rule 55-56 be 46, as follows:—(46) In case of a fair catch the opposite side may come up to and charge from anywhere on or behind a line drawn through the mark made and parallel to the goal line. In all cases the kicker's side must be behind the ball when it is kicked, and may not charge until it has been kicked. If after a fair catch more than one player of the attacking side touch the ball before it is kicked, the opposite side may charge forth.—Carried.—*London Daily News.*

OUR ANNUAL FOOTBALL MATCH WITH TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

The third annual contest between the two great Canadian Universities was fixed for Saturday, November 3rd, and was eagerly looked forward to by the McGill men as the great match of the season. The following team represented McGill:—Back, Hamilton, (captain); half-backs, Haythorne, Ogilvie, P. Robertson; quarter-backs, Johnson, A. W. Smith, Elder; forwards, Rogers, Hislop, Powne, Campbell, C. B. Smith, F. W. Robertson, Worthington and Kerry. They left for the Queen City on Thursday night, determined to repeat the victory of the two previous years, but the fates willed otherwise, as the sequel will show.

Shortly after 3 o'clock on Saturday, on the beautiful lawn sloping down from the university, they faced the following team from the 'Varsity:—Backs, Smith, Macdonald; half-backs, Hughes and May; quarter-backs, A. Maclaren and Henderson; forwards, Wigle, (captain), Maclaren, Vickers, Boyd, Bruce, Duggan, McLean, Cronyn, Davidson. The