

Looking forward to next year, we certainly think the prospects are of the brightest, and with the re-election of as many as possible of this year's energetic officers and a judicious selection of a captain, who will enforce the rules of practice laid down this year, we predict a prosperous season for 1885-6. The material is there, and just requires a little care to develop it. *No note it be.*

#### MCGILL UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The first annual Field meeting of this association came off on Thursday, 23rd Oct., and was successful in every way. The following is the list of events, winners and records made: Morning—9.30 a. m. 1. Kicking the Foot-ball, 1st F. D. Robertson, 160 ft; 2nd T. J. Haythorne, 149 ft. 8 in. 2. Running High Jump, 1st J. A. Springle, 4 ft. 10 in.; 2nd M. Watson, 4 ft. 9 in. 3. Throwing the Hammer (16 lbs.), 1st C. W. Trenholme, 69 ft. 1 in.; 2nd W. H. Klock, 62 ft. 4. Running Long Jump, 1st T. W. Lesage, 18 ft. 2 in.; 2nd D. J. Scully, 17 ft. 7 in. 5. Putting the Shot (16 lbs.), 1st C. W. Trenholme, 32 ft.  $\frac{1}{2}$  in.; 2nd T. W. Lesage, 30 ft. 11 in. 6. Throwing the Cricket Ball, 1st T. W. Lesage, 278 ft. 4 in.; 2nd R. B. O'Sullivan, 275 ft. 7. Throwing the Heavy Weight, (56 lbs.), 1st E. W. Haentschell, 19 ft.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in.; 2nd S. Fortier, 18 ft. 1 in. Afternoon—2 p.m. 1. One Mile walk, 1st R. Arthur, time 8 min. 47 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.; 2nd E. Swabey. 2. Half-Mile Race, 1st E. W. Haentschell, time 2 min. 46 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.; 2nd E. W. Bayne. 3. 100 Yards, 1st T. W. Lesage, time 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.; 2nd ——— Girdwood. 4. One Mile (open), 1st J. W. Moffat, M. A. A., time 4 min. 4 sec.; 2nd S. S. Jones, S. L. C. 4. 440 Yards Race, 1st ——— Kennedy, time 59 sec.; 2nd E. W. Bayne. 6. Three Legged Race, Wray and Corson, 1st E. W. Haentschell, time 5 min. 8 sec.; 2nd H. M. Patton. 220 Yards Race, 1st T. W. Lesage, time 25 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.; 2nd R. B. O'Sullivan. Tug of War, won by team from Medicine. 10. One Mile Bicycle, 1st R. E. Holden, time 3 min. 58 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.; 2nd D. B. Holden. The Hurdle Race was withdrawn, the Committee being unable to procure hurdles.

The prizes were presented immediately after the games in the William Molson Hall by Lady Dawson.

The attendance of spectators this year was larger than for many years back and the varied and interesting programme was well carried out.

#### READING ROOM COMMITTEE.

Some delay in the election of the several representatives of this Committee caused the re-organization to be a little later than usual, and the first meeting consequently was not held till October. The following members reported: From Arts—4th year, H. A. Budden, A. H. U. Colquhoun; 3rd year, J. H. Bell, W. W. Chalmers; 2nd year, R. B. Henderson; 1st year, — Brayley. From Science—R. J. Saunders, E. P. Mathewson, R. E. Palmer, W. C. Perkins, H. Hamilton. The officers elected were:—President, Colquhoun; Vice-President, Budden; Secretary, Bell; Treasurer, Mathewson. Notwithstanding the comparatively late opening of the session, the reading room was soon supplied with a very good list of

papers and periodicals, and the management, in point of efficiency, is quite up to former years. The annual auction was held Nov. 15th, and the amount realized exceeded that of last year. The Committee is endeavouring to see that no periodicals are removed, either wilfully or through mistake, from the reading-room, and to obtain the co-operation of the students in keeping order and enforcing the rules in the interest of the readers. A handsome mounted picture, a "View of London," was presented to the reading-room by Mr. Taylor, the librarian.

#### UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY.

The 22nd public meeting of this Society was held on the 18th inst. in the William Molson Hall. Mr. McGoun, the president, delivered the annual address, taking for his subject "Imperial Federation." As we print this address in another place, nothing further need be said about it here, other than that, at the beginning, the speaker thanked the society for the honor they had conferred upon him in electing him to the office he now holds. After the close of the address, Sir William Dawson, who with Dr. Cornish and Mr. A. G. Cross occupied a place upon the platform, thanked the lecturer, and in doing so, observed that the subject of federation had been agitated for at least forty years, though, in his opinion, never with such prospects of success as now, when the facilities for rapid communication had removed the only insuperable obstacle that once stood in the way of a closer union than at present exists, of the different parts of the Empire. He also said it should be remembered that the British empire was held together not so much by Britons themselves, for they formed a minority of its subjects, as by British principles, the three most potent of which are British freedom, British energy, and British administrative purity. In concluding he paid a graceful compliment to the society and its president, remarking that, though the latter had said McGill ought to have a faculty for the training of statesmen, the existence of the society rendered the establishment of such a faculty unnecessary. On Friday, the 21st inst. the subject for debate at the ordinary meeting was: Is the admission of Jamaica into the confederation desirable? Messrs. R. C. Smith and R. A. E. Greenshields, supported the affirmative and Messrs. J. F. Mackie and G. C. Wright the negative. Though all the speakers were well prepared, or at any rate spoke as if they were, it was noticeable that the older members of the society could not refrain from insinuating an apology. Nothing appears more silly to the listeners than an excuse where none is needed, and we trust that the members have sense enough to abandon this practice into which they have carelessly slipped. When the question was put, the meeting decided in favor of the negative.

#### MARITIME ASSOCIATION.

An addition to the many societies in connection with McGill University was made this year by the formation of a "Maritime Association," which is intended to include all undergraduates from the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland entered in any of the classes of the college, and also as honorary members all students in the affiliated colleges, and all graduates