

and taste. The "Readings" this month are specially readable, and the poetry really beautiful. The editor's "Notes and Remarks" have their usual characteristics, and the notices of books and literary notes are written with the care and discrimination for which the *Ave Maria* is everywhere praised. The contents of the Youth's Department are pleasantly varied. "Johnnie's Travels" are happily concluded, but the mystery of Miss Dorsey's "Jose-Maria" remains to be cleared up. It is one of the best and brightest of her stories.

THE ROMAN HYMNAL compiled and arranged by Rev. J. B. Young, S. J. Choir Master of St. Francis Xavier's Church, New York. Published by Pustet & Co., New York.

We have received from the publishers a copy of the Fifth Edition of *The Roman Hymnal*, the most complete and convenient work of the kind which has come to our notice. Containing all the hymns and chants which may be required throughout the entire year, so arranged as to require the least amount of rehearsal, it is admirably adapted for congregational singing. Though earnestly desired by all thinking and observant Catholics, though supposed by the Liturgy of the Church and practised in Catholic ages, congregational singing will never become general until the children receive some suitable instruction in this way in our schools. It is for this especially that *The Roman Hymnal* is in our opinion eminently suitable. We are assured moreover that in certain parochial schools where this work is in use, the children have been enabled in a few months to sing Vespers, several Masses, and a large number of hymns, without taking away from the regular singing lessons. The size, binding and general make-up of the book are in perfect keeping with the objects of its compiler, and reflect credit on its enterprising Catholic publishers.

### ATHLETICS.

Every year Ottawa College loses several of its footballers and the first fifteen is obliged to draw on the second for recruits. Among the new comers this year are some very promising players and the second fifteen contains as usual reliable material.

Considering this and the number of old players that have returned, the prospects for football are very bright. All the old backs have returned, except that coolest of full backs, Devine. No great changes are likely to be made in the rush line, but some new men will figure on the wing. The team will this year be under the management of Mr. F. L. French who played in the "rush" of the famous team of '87. His practical knowledge of the game will no doubt prove beneficial in the training and selection of his men. Unless, however, he meets with the co-operation of the players themselves all his efforts will be in vain. Hence it behooves each and every footballer of both the first and second teams to be punctual at practice and gymnasium work if they wish to cope successfully with the strong teams that Western Ontario will undoubtedly send in quest of the much coveted championship trophy.

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Baseball does not receive very much attention from the seniors this year owing to the nearness of the football season. Of the old players Rigney, Donovan, Kehoe, B. Murphy, and Paradis have returned, and in the few games that they have been played Clark, Hale, Woods, and Kelly, all new comers, have given evidence of no mean ability on the diamond, so that in the spring when more time can be devoted to baseball, we may expect to see some exciting contests.

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The disappointed spectators of the Capital-Sherbrooke misunderstanding, on the 14th, were by no means reticent in abusing the Capitals and all concerned. For the sake of the fair name of the Capital Lacrosse club, be it said, that never have they been implicated in any of those transactions known in sporting life as "crooked," and it is to be regretted that anything should occur, especially so near the end of the season, that would tend to injure the good reputation so long enjoyed by the Capitals. However, let it be a warning to all teams, lacrosse and otherwise, to settle definitely all arrangements with regard to referees and umpires before the day of the match and thereby avoid disappointing the public.

The handball alley is well patronized.