

the consternation of the spectators when a second was made, and that too by a youngster. Buckingham, about a quarter of an hour later, appropriating the ball, insinuated himself between the two backs, with the result that the Berlin goal-keeper was outdone a third time. This was one of the fastest and prettiest runs ever seen in Toronto. No more scoring took place, and the game ended 3 to 0 in favor of Varsity.

The result of the match is hardly a true indication of the nature of the play. Many spectators were of the opinion that the Rangers had the best of the play, and while we can hardly agree with this decision, we must admit that they are as a team inferior only to one, and that, of course, Varsity. Of both forward lines it may be said that they played a combined and fast game, and they were equally well supported by the respective defences.

#### VARSITY SECOND.

Within the past week the second team has added three more victories to their record of success.

On Monday, the Association game with the Victorias was played on the lawn amidst great enthusiasm. The first goal was scored in the first half by Moore, while another was added in the second half. This was beautifully headed in by Govanlock on a corner from Marr. The Victorias also scored one goal, making the score 2 to 1 in favor of Varsity.

On Thursday, the team spent a most enjoyable time at Bradford. The hours before the game were spent in singing, and the vigor and energy which was expended in the singing of "Littoria" was a surprise to the natives, who loudly applauded when the roof and floor had ceased to shake from the stirring strains.

The bill of fare included the time-honored roast goose and plum pudding, to which the boys did ample justice, notwithstanding the stringent rule of the captain to the contrary.

The game was called at four, and the first goal was scored for Varsity by Merrill, the half-back, by a long swift shot, which was too much for the goal-keeper. About the last twenty minutes of second half Varsity got in their fine work. The second goal was scored by Hooper on a centre from Hammil. Merrill aided in taking the last goal by passing to McCallum, who in turn passed to Hooper, by whom it was centred, and sent under the bar by Govanlock. Varsity thus had three goals to their credit. Both teams were photographed after the game.

On Saturday, Varsity second played the Marlboros, while the first were winning victory at Rosedale. In the first half one goal was scored by Govanlock. After half-time Varsity woke up and scored no less than five goals, of which Hooper had the bad taste to score four, while the sixth was scored by Orton. It would be difficult to distinguish superior playing in any one member of the forwards, as they one and all played a good game and worked well together, being well supported by the halves.

#### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The action of the official referee in the recent Queen's-Hamilton match has resulted in very disturbing consequences, and is, to say the least of it, very unfortunate. We cannot help regarding his decision as unjust and not warranted by either written or unwritten rule; and it is our opinion that his proper course would have been to continue the game until the full time had elapsed.

Some prominent players have advanced the opinion that the rule-book is wanting in definiteness, and more particularly Regulation 6, which, it is said, leaves it at the discretion of the referee whether time shall be deducted in cases of accidents. Now, a comparison with the rule-books of other games will satisfy these authorities that such insertion is unnecessary, as it is an unwritten law of every game that time so occupied *shall* be deducted. Therefore he has no alternative, but must deduct time. The referee

on the occasion in question considered that he was not *compelled* to deduct such time, and therein made a mistake. Surely he should have been aware of the universal prevalence of such a rule. His defence, therefore, loses its strength, and the question at issue is whether he can call the game on account of darkness six minutes before the regulation time has elapsed.

The rule-book is deficient regarding such a case, and he should have been actuated by considerations of equity in giving his decision, as no written law for his guidance exists. When semi-darkness prevails and one side has a fair majority of points an equitable decision would be to give the game to that side, just as a base-ball umpire declares the game won after five innings have been played. But notwithstanding his personal difficulty in seeing the game, a fairer ruling would have been to have continued the game until the full time had elapsed, and we see nothing to warrant his actual decision. Regulation 6, determining the duration of the match, further justifies the action of the committee, and certainly means that the ball shall be *in play* for an hour and a-half.

In condemning the referee, it therefore follows that our argument upholds the Executive. But other considerations than the action of the referee, which alone fully justified them, influenced their decision. It is fair that Hamilton should suffer for being forty minutes late in appearing on the field; for, in delaying the start, they spoiled the finish. Queen's might have claimed the game by default, if they had cared to follow the letter of the law, for bad railway service did not prevent their opponents from being on time. Therefore, the decision of the Executive is further justified. The argument that the meeting was illegal and the composition of the executive unconstitutional is absurd, for, if such is the case, then all legislation this year is null and void, and no club can rightfully claim the cup. But we think that the Executive was precipitate in holding the meeting and that the referee should have been present. Many absurd opinions have been advanced; for instance, that as the Union chose the referee, it is responsible for his mistake; that the probability of further scoring should be considered; and that as the weather was unfavorable another game should be played; to continue in the same tone, we might add, that as a press badge was not sent by the Union to our reporter, the match should be played over again.

We cannot see how the executive could have conscientiously given any other decision, except possibly that of having the two teams play for the remaining six minutes, and such a ruling would be unreasonable on the face of it. It is only fair to Hamilton to say, that they have been very unfortunate, and that they have proved themselves to be the best team in the Union; and further, that, in the event of Queen's accepting the cup, they will hold it by virtue of fortunate legislation, and not by having shown a superior ability in playing the game.

There are thirty secret societies at Ann Arbor this year.

Resolutions, signed by 1,360 members of the University of Cambridge, protest against any movement towards the admission of women to membership and Degree in the University.

Owing to a delay in the completion of the steam-heating apparatus, the temperature of the School of Science has been a number of degrees lower than is altogether pleasant or comfortable for those who require to take lectures there. During the past week it was mutually agreed by professors and students that hats and overcoats be brought into requisition in the lecture and drafting rooms, and it was amusing to see a worthy professor, attired as for the chilling blasts of winter, endeavoring to demonstrate some intricate theorem to the shivering beings below. It is hoped, however, that before another week passes the heating arrangements will be fully completed.