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This is a year in which every Ridleian may be, and undoubtedly is, proud of his school. We do not think, since the three schools have met regularly in cricket and football, that one school has succeeded in winning both cricket and football matches in one year. Such is our record for 1897, and we are modestly (we hope) proud of it. But whether we had won games or lost them, we had this year a splendidly balanced and thoroughly trained football team. The work of the team was so even that it would be almost unjust to particularize. There were no stars whose brightness eclipsed the rest, but every member worked his very best, not only to play hard in a match but to learn the game thoroughly in the practice. No better proof could be wished of the team's knowledge of the game than the number of touch downs in their scores, and the few made against them. It was very rarely that Ridley was content to kick the ball over the line for a single. The total score of 203 to 28 is indeed phenomenal, especially when it is considered that, except the two school fifteens, all the opposing teams were much heavier and older players. With regard to the two school matches much has been said elsewhere. After the T. C. S. match the general feeling among the XV was surprise that the score was so large, most seeming to think that they had to work very hard for every point gained. The U. C. C. match was really a fine display of football and the game was won entirely by combined team play. It is a matter of wonder that a school of seventy odd boys could so hold their own on the field against a school of two hundred and seventy. Too much credit for this can scarcely be given to Mr. Barr, whose knowledge and experience of the game have been placed ungrudgingly at the disposal of the boys. What another year may bring forth we do not know, but at least it will be hard to surpass the record of 1897.

Among the teams of the clubs of the Union the following old Ridleians were scattered:

- 'Varsity I—F. M. Perry,
- 'Varsity II—A. W. Anderson.
- 'Varsity III—T. B. F. Benson.
- Osgoode I—Mr. Michell, W. Caldecott, Chas. H. Flood, W. R. Wadsworth, A. C. Kingstone, (Captain).
- Hamilton I—K. Dewar.
- Trinity University—H. C. Griffith.

The enthusiasm of Old Ridleians is becoming a matter of notice by others than ourselves. We wish we had space to mention the names of all the Old Boys who turned out to see the T. C. S. game, and even came over to their old school to see the U. C. C. match.

The Christmas number of *Saturday Night*, in a general review of Canadian sports for the year, speaks of Ridley as having defeated U. C. C. and T. C. S. at cricket and "having held their own against the best clubs in the country."

Should there not be some special mark of distinction by which we could recognize those who have played on the college teams in both cricket, football and hockey? At present Hoyles ma, Doolittle and Dalton have enjoyed that honor.

Chess Tournament.

The ACTA offers three prizes, to be competed for at chess during the Lent Term. The competitor will be on a different plan to that usually adopted in chess tournaments. Every competitor will play two games with every other, counting two points for a win and one for a draw. The prizes will be awarded as follows:

- 1—One to the player who scores highest of those who have completed their fifteenth year when the competition begins.
- 2—One to the highest scorer under fifteen.
- 3—One to the highest scoring novice, who did not know the moves when he went home for the Christmas holidays.

The entries must be made within two weeks of reopening, when the date of the competition will be announced. The ACTA is not holding this tournament as an excuse to give away some of their hard earned money, but solely to encourage in the College the "ancient and honorable" game of chess. It is earnestly hoped that all chess players will take a great interest in the competition, and encourage those who have not yet learned to begin to do so. It is quite possible to learn to play a very fair game in a month.