

The Rockwood Review.

About Rockwood the practical joker is ever abroad, but fortunately he is generally an innocent joker, and confines his operations to the harmless variety of jests. A certain musical enthusiast is busily engaged in the construction of a pipe Orgau, and in the course of events, some of the pipes find their way to the Carpenter's Shop. It seems to be the natural desire of every visitor to the Shop to blow the pipes in view. Mr. Beatty observed this weakness, and believing no doubt in the contagiousness of various throat and mouth diseases, set out to remedy the fault. By reversing the pipe cap, the current of air is directed backwards, and if a proper amount of flour is skillfully introduced within the organ pipe, the result is both sudden and alarming to the blower. The visitors to the carpenter shop for the last month, came out quite regularly well powdered, and invariably looking glum and bad tempered, and yet fell into the trap a second time, so well developed has the pipe blowing habit become. Some have taken exception to the joke, but as they have always blown the pipes without invitation, and to satisfy their own curiosity, Mr. Beatty claims full exemption from all responsibility.

The Hon. Chas. Clarke (Grandfather), visited Rockwood House about the middle of November.

There have been several cases of typhoid fever at Rockwood of late.

This year the Orchestra at Rockwood is to be one of the features of the season, and should do better work than ever before. It has fourteen performers, and of these no less than seven play on stringed instruments. They are devoting themselves to a good class of music, which seems to be thoroughly appreciated. Conductor Macgill is naturally proud of the organization.

Gananoque has developed the Rugby craze, and has taken up the game seriously. They commenced the season by defeating a Kingston club called the Nationals, to the tune of seventeen to nothing. In the return match the Nationals had three of the Granite Juniors helping them, and with the aid of these experienced players, were able to turn the tables on the Gananoque boys, although of course the lustre of victory was somewhat dimmed by the fact of the three Granites playing. The Gananoque boys are speedy, good tempered and gentlemanly, and give promise of playing a good game when they have had more experience. Our old friend, Mr. Russell Britton, is captain, and not only plays well, but shows capacity as a tactician.

Football is practically dead for the season, and it cannot be said that the game has been a source of much pleasure to anyone. The game itself has degenerated, and as a rule has not been well played; bad feeling has been engendered, as a result of having an incompetent and short sighted executive in charge of the Union, and altogether it is evident that the time has come for a radical change in the game and its management. The formation of an Inter-collegiate League will do much to purify the game, and its first duty should be to amend the rules in such a way that there cannot be any misunderstanding in regard to their meaning, and their second duty to ask referees to enforce these rules. At the present time there are two sets of rules, one in the book, another for use in the field, and the latter do not in any way resemble the former. Theoretically men cannot touch each other when on the wings, practically their game is one undignified scrapping match. Theoretically a scrimmager must put the ball DEAD in front of him, but as a matter of fact no scrimmager obeys the rule, and the more dishonest a scrimmage is, the more