

defeated. Heatherington (the captain of the present year) at back, held the forwards down, while the combination of the Wesley quintette, Whitla: Morgan, Graham, Cleveland and J. K. Sparling, was perfect.

The following year a most singular and unfortunate thing happened. Not one of the old team returned to college. This was a great blow to football. For a college to have to put an entirely new team in the field is without precedent in the history of the association. So, although St. John's were defeated, and the Alumni defaulted, the enthusiasm of the old timers was wanting: practices fell out of fashion, and football died a lingering death.

The evil effect, however, was felt most severely the following year, when, notwithstanding the great efforts put forth by Captain Woodhull, the team was defeated in every match, and for the first time in her history took the last place. St. John's, who had been defeated in every game for the past three years, won both their matches. To be the first team in Wesley to hold last place, woke the boys up. They were determined that it would not occur again, and started at once to work for the coming year. A series of matches between the classes was arranged and all the likely men were carefully trained. The result was very satisfactory. True, in the first game, a severe defeat was received at the hands of the Alumni, but this only spurred the boys on to greater efforts, and two weeks later the cup winners narrowly escaped defeat.

Then followed ties with Manitoba and St. John's, and finally a defeat to the Schools. In the second half of the series the team was equally successful, for although the stalwart form of Naismith was missed in goal, and able substitute was found in Carter, and now, when the young ladies wish to show their knowledge of the game they dilate on the excellencies of the man who watches the net.

So much for football in the past. The year 1896 has been the most successful in the records of Wesley's team. Every position well filled, not a weak spot in the team, every man in the right place at the right time; in short, a good team in good practice.

A good beginning was made by defeating the Medicals, the champions of last year. In the next match Manitoba, though aided by a strong wind, was unable to score in the first half. After the change, Wesley scored with a fine rush, and Manitoba was practically defeated until within ten minutes of time, when the Wesley left half-back, thinking the ball had gone behind, stopped playing, and Manitoba was thus enabled to score. And so, although they were outplayed, the match resulted in a draw. St. John's, always an uncertain team, won the next match, but Wesley retrieved herself by defeating the Schools, who had the week before practically defeated Manitoba. The second team, too, has had good success, coming through the season with but one defeat.

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