

reference. For several years past they have taken a prominent place in all the public concerts given by the club. To their active interest and useful counsel whatever success has heretofore attended the efforts of the club is in a large measure to be attributed. Their departure leaves a blank which it will be hard to fill. We trust that nothing will be left undone, by careful practice and judicious infusion of new talent, to keep the future records of the club in every way worthy of its past attainments. Officers elect for the incoming year are the following :—Hon. President, W. Mortimer Clark, Esq.; President, J. A. McDonald; Secretary, R. M. Hamilton; Councillor, J. N. Elliott. The leadership is again entrusted to Mr. Collins, who since its inauguration has rendered such efficient service in connection with the club.

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#### FOOT BALL CLUB.

If we must judge the successes of our foot-ball club by the number of matches in which the goals won exceeded those lost, or by the number of articles in the sporting columns of the daily papers lauding the fine dribbling of one, the skilful passing of another, or the artful dodging and heavy charging of a third, then we are forced to acknowledge that the season of 1885-6 was, in comparison with former years, a failure.

Only three matches were played by the first eleven, all with 'Varsity Club. The first failed to decide; the second resulted in favour of Knox; the last was won by 'Varsity.

This, compared with the record of past seasons, is a very poor showing. But we believe there are truer tests of success than those mentioned. The main advantage to be gained by the existence of a club is not to win for its best players public applause, but rather to secure for its members proper exercise and recreation. Past experience in connection with series of cup ties has shown that these have not been secured either for the *δι πολλοι* or for their representatives, the first eleven, when, with the mercury below freezing point, the former shouted themselves hoarse and the latter strained to its highest tension every muscle. Two circumstances tended to