

lecture (gratis) from that tenant of our Teutonic Chair. This, if it left him time to read, took all the pleasure out of literature, and as he ran back, against the wind, he invariably registered a vow never to return. All this has been relegated to the past, and we hope that Freshman, Junior and Soph, will join us in congratulation.

We would call the attention of our readers to the advertisements on our cover, and ask the support of University men for those who patronize their institutions. Great care has, for the most part, been taken in obtaining the advertisements of those who sell College specialties, many of them offering discounted rates to students. His instinct of organization ought to prompt every true McGill man to stand by whatever is connected with the College and whoever helps to sustain it. What we need to give us influence is a resolute determination to act as a body for the interests of Alma Mater. This alone is what constitutes *esprit de corps*.

FOOTBALL.

The University Football Club is getting its name up. It now possesses a team strong enough to face any fifteen in Canada, without fear of being too easily defeated; and the prospect for next year is still brighter, as only two or three of the present members are expecting to leave, and the remainder will be a year advance in strength and skill.

Of the two outside matches played this fall, our men were decidedly the strongest in the first one, that against the Britannias, although our team was comparatively weak; and a game would probably have been taken, but time was called just as the ball was placed for a kick at goals. Capt. Robertson has appealed to the Canadian Football Association, against the ruling of the umpires on this occasion.

Although the second match, "Town vs. Gown" was a draw, what slight advantage there was belonged to us. It was one of the closest and best contested matches which has been played in Montreal for some time, the tackling and checking on both sides being magnificent. No remarkable individual play was shown on either side, excepting perhaps, two or three good runs by Irwin, of the Town, towards the end of the match. As usual McGill was unable to bring its best fifteen on the ground; we don't suppose it ever will accomplish such a feat. Evans could not play; Fleet was forbidden to on account of some injury to his leg, and McDougall, formerly one of our best players, does not seem inclined to trouble himself much about football this year.

The practice on the College grounds was well attended every day, until Gymnasium and wet weather combined, interrupted it. The regular practice days now are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and we hope that members of the Club will be present on these days sharp at 4 o'clock.

A good match was played on Thursday, October 12th, between the fourth and first, and the third and second years. When the ball was kicked off, there were but ten men present on the latter side, and three of these, Taylor, Rogers and

Torrance left in a few minutes, to attend a meeting at the college; only seven heroes remaining to uphold the honor of the middle years, against fifteen seniors and freshman. The seven however, maintained the struggle gallantly until reinforced by fresh arrivals, and the return of the triumvirate. The best play shown during the match, was by Robertson of the seniors, who followed the ball untiringly. The second and third years were victorious by a goal, (well kicked by E. T. Taylor), two or three touch downs, and several *rouges*. The other side got a few *rouges* in the beginning of the game, and Robertson secured a touch later on, but the kick was a failure.

The General Committee of the Club had determined to challenge Trinity College, Toronto, for Saturday, October 14th, but were compelled to give up the idea of playing—on that day at least—for various reasons, the chief being that the Lacrosse match for the championship of the world was to be played on that day, at Toronto. The Secretary, however, was instructed to write to Trinity, and see what could be done about a match later on in the fall. We hope that the matter will be satisfactorily arranged.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Fine weather was probably never more desired than on Tuesday, the 24th ult., the occasion of our annual sports, and many were disappointed by the dark clouds of early morning, but towards eleven o'clock, a.m., the clouds began to give place to blue sky, and the cheering sunlight soon dispelled all doubts.

MORNING.

The games commenced in the morning at half-past ten o'clock, the first event on the programme being Kicking the Foot Ball, which was won by J. McDougall, who made a good kick of 155 yards, R. Foster and P. Ross also making good kicks of 152 and 151 yards respectively. Next followed the Broad Jump, won by Howie, who made 11 feet 6 inches, closely followed by J. A. Lane's 11 feet 3 inches. The third event was Putting the Weight (16 lbs.); for this there were several entries, and altogether some very good throwing, McKenzie putting it 30 feet 5 inches, and E. T. Taylor 30 feet. The Running Hop, Step and Jump, which came next, was won by J. B. Carman, whose best was 41 feet 8 inches, the next (McDougall's) being 38 feet 8 inches. The Running High Jump was started at 4 feet 6 inches, that ancient veteran, C. E. Amaron, being worsted at last. The winner was H. O'Heir, who surpassed Amaron's 5 feet by one inch. (*Latr*—H. O'Heir has been disqualified, not being an Undergraduate.) Throwing the Cricket Ball came next on the programme, with four entries—Abbot, McDougall, McKenzie and Jones. The winner (McDougall) threw 93 yards, and Jones 90. The last of the morning's proceedings was the Standing High Jump, for which there were three entries—Howie, Lane and O'Heir. The two last stopped at 4 feet 8 inches; Howie, however, kept on, and made a good 5 feet, being loudly applauded, in consequence, by the boys.