

President, T. F. Clancy, 1st Vice-President, J. M. Foley; 2nd Vice-President, E. P. Gleeson; Treasurer, J. P. Fallon; Recording Secretary, E. P. Fleming; Corresponding Secretary, T. P. Holland; Councillors, W. W. Walsh and J. J. Quilty.

After the transaction of some routine business the meeting adjourned.

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The association is to be congratulated on the choice it has made of officers to guide its destinies during the coming year. The members of the executive committee are able, experienced and energetic and the Owl expects to see athletics prosper under their management. Yet they must not forget that the proper fulfilment of their important duties will entail no end of trouble and considerable personal sacrifice. They will frequently have to run counter of popular feeling and to suffer from misrepresentation and unreasoning opposition. Their greatest mistake would be to suppose that their services will be rewarded by any exhibition of merited gratitude. Such is not the way of the world. If they take as the fundamental principle of their philosophy, that

"It is the one as does the best  
What gets more kicks than all the rest."

they will be likely to follow the path that leads to success. Above all let there be no popularity seeking. The popularity hunter is the most dangerous enemy that could be turned loose on the association.

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They have had some difficulties recently at Notre Dame University in the management of their athletic clubs. The *Scholastic* gives the following definitions, based presumably on local circumstances, but which are more or less true everywhere.

"*Athletic Association*: An organization in which the members subscribe for more than they pay, in which the dues are always due, and in which he who gives the least, votes oftenest and has most to say; *Manager of Athletic Association*: An individual who does all the work and receives abuse for his labor; *Captain of the Athletic Team*: A person who is forced to keep quite in order to allow the players to manage the game."

One of the most remarkable points in the Treasurer's report was the evidence of the total absence of financial encouragement from our alumni. Our graduates are scattered all over Canada and the United States; in their own day here they must have realized how our different clubs are ever hampered through lack of funds and they had probably to deplore the forgetfulness of many on whom they had been taught to rely. Possibly, also, they formed well defined resolutions that such would no longer be the case when they were once numbered among the world's successful men. But the old old story repeats itself. Our athletic teams struggle along as best they can. One of them, against fearful odds and in face of discouraging difficulties, takes the first place in Canada in what is the distinctive American college sport; its phenomenal success is the subject of almost universal comment. But from our alumni it draws only the usual stereotyped congratulations and the periodic expression of the hope that "old Varsity" and "the garnet and grey" may always triumph, etc. All of which is, of course, only the veriest twaddle; the friendship which takes tangible form, which aims at aiding us in our efforts, we appreciate and value. Anything else is really not worth the time taken to express it. Shall we ourselves, the actual strugglers, imitate our predecessors, when we too shall have passed out from the college halls? Perhaps so. Who knows? But, at all events, on one thing we are now agreed—that such a course is neither loyal nor manly.

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There is commendable activity visible in every branch of field sports. The baseball players are hard at work and intend to make all the local clubs look to their laurels. There is no reason why the end of the season should not see the nine in the position it once occupied—the leading amateur baseball team of the province. In lacrosse also we look for a revival of interest. A large number of young and promising players are at our disposal. With attentive and persevering practice they should be more than a match for any district club. But, after all, it is football that raises the enthusiasm of the student body. Everybody is now talking