

This year the first Association, though composed for the most part of young players, were proof against defeat, playing a draw in both their league matches. The Rugby First made a noble struggle for highest honors, but were at last defeated by the champions, Osgoode Hall. The Second Rugby fell before the Second of Hamilton. On Saturday the Seconds of Varsity and the Scots met to decide the championship of the Toronto Association. In our Second alone there was the winning of a cup possible, our doubts of victory (if we had any) were quickly dispelled, our hopes realized and our wishes amply fulfilled. This, the last league match of the year, was played in torrents of rain, and the spectators, though not numerous, were interested, excited and enthusiastic.

Mr. Galt, of the Scots, was chosen Referee, and filled the unenviable position in a most satisfactory manner.

Varsity's strongest Second was on the field. Goal, Chaisegreen; Backs, McCallum, Shore; Halves, Stewart, Silcox, Ross; Right wing, Doherty, Revell; Centre, McArthur; Left wing, Kranzman and Pearson.

The play during the first half was rather even, though Varsity had many chances on the Scots' goal, but were seldom dangerous. The right wing would take turns with the left in making advances on their opponents' defence, but neither wing bettered the passes from the opposite one. McArthur made many runs but was unsteady for the final shot owing to the exceedingly slippery condition of the ground which made accurate shooting impossible. The defence on both sides were, however, playing with strength and determination.

Ends were changed and each side had equally good chances of winning, though Varsity seemed to have a large amount of reserve energy.

The first goal was kicked by a Scot, who, in trying to relieve his goal from a high, well placed shot, scored the first goal for Varsity. After the kick off the right wing made a grand run, passing the members of the Scotch defence in quick succession, and finally Doherty nicely placed the ball in front of the goal, when Pearson scored.

The left, wishing to return the favor of the right wing, completed a fine run by an equally fine centre, which Doherty placed between the uprights and beyond the reach of Scots' guardian.

The Scots now had their turn, and their half-back, from a well-placed corner, headed the ball fairly through the goal. This was their only score, while Varsity added another to the previous three. Doherty was again the successful director of the sphere. This goal was shot after a beautiful run by the forwards, one and all aiding in bringing the ball to the position from which it was scored. Kranzman made a particularly dangerous shot from the wing, which was only put out by a brilliant stop from the goal-keeper.

None of the goals were secured from corner-kicks, though Doherty and Kranzman both kicked well. The match thus finished with the score 4 to 1, and Varsity's friends in a happy mood and the cup to stay with us through the cold and wintry months just at hand.

To specialise we must include every member of the team. The goal-keeper, when he had difficult shots to put out, did so; when the backs found it necessary to relieve the goal, did so—not so much from any apparent desire to thwart the wishes of the Scots as to remove the nervous excitement and please the Varsity applauders.

The halves made it a point to stop the rushes of the opposing forwards; and our forwards, on the other hand, took unconcealed delight in passing the Scots' defence, and when scoring a goal their pleasure burst into shouts of unmistakable triumph, which their friends were not slow to join in.

VARSIETY AT M'GILL.

The tenth annual match between Varsity and McGill came off in Montreal on Saturday, Nov. 14, on the grounds of the latter.

Our men, accompanied by the manager and secretary and a few supporters, left by G. T. R. in a special car on the evening preceding the match, and after an all-night ride arrived at the Bonaventure dépôt, where they were met by a deputation from McGill, and, after breakfasting at the St. Lawrence Hall, proceeded to see the town. The game was called for 2.30 p.m., and at the appointed time the boys arrived on the campus in front of the old college for which Montreal is famed.

The field was very rough and a cinder path encroached at all corners, which caused many a sore arm and knee.

The match itself was not of a nature by which to judge Varsity's playing. The idea seemed to prevail that the season had closed, and that the trip to Montreal was to be simply a pleasant ending to a successful season.

The dribbling of the McGill forwards rather surprised the Varsity players, and to equalize the large scrimmage of the Montreal collegians, five men were put to shove against six, and the five would have sufficed if they had displayed any such form as they did against Osgoode Hall or Trinity. Carelessness, however, seemed to characterize the game, and Varsity lost to the tune of 13 to 7. Parkyn played a good game at half, and McQuarrie excelled himself at back. McGill's wings were not well held, and climbed onto Wood and Bunting too fast to allow those players to display their old time cunning. Goulet, McGill's centre half, played a grand game throughout. He intends coming to Varsity next fall, and will be an acquisition behind the scrimmage. In the evening the boys were entertained to a banquet at the Balmoral, and it was in early hours of the morning when the last man arrived at the Bonaventure to seek his bunk in the special car which was awaiting on a side track.

Sunday was spent pleasantly, some visiting the principal churches, and others betaking themselves to the hacks, for which Montreal is noted, and viewing the principal points of interest in the town, each man following his peculiar tastes.

The team arrived home early Monday morning, each and every one being unanimous in praising the hospitality of the McGill students, and in declaring the trip to be the most successful in the Rugby annals of Old Varsity.

Next fall we will have the pleasure of entertaining the students of McGill here, when they will play the return match; and if they only receive the same treatment here as our boys did in Montreal, they will be only too well pleased with their treatment at the hands of the wearers of the blue and white.

NOTES.

McGill's cry is as follows: M-C-G-I-L-L! What's the matter with old McGill? She's all right! Oh yes, you bet!

Mr. Arnton, of the Britannia F. B. C., umpired the game, and, though quite impartial, did not seem to recognize any off-side play.

One touch down which McGill obtained was noticeable for off-side. Several of the players, including the one who got the try, were more than fifteen yards on the wrong side of the ball.

Parker got a touch which was not allowed, the referee maintaining that Percy picked the ball out of the scrimmage.

The *Bowdoin Orient* gives an interesting account of a summer exploration of Labrador. In this our friends across the line are only following the good example of Toronto University.

The editorial in the current issue of *THE VARSITY* has a sentence which contains 210 words. Out in the wide world, far from the seat of learning, such a sentence would be thought ill built.—*The World*.

Yes! We are guilty! And it's all up with us, for *The World's* sentences are usually carried out by the common handman.