

pointed to canvass the various years are :—Fourth Year, Messrs. RUTTAN and LAIDLAW; Third Year, Messrs. WRIGHT and CAMPBELL; Second Year, Messrs. MCKAY and GEORGE; Freshman Year, Messrs. PRATT and AIKENHEAD.

—The University College Association Football Club, which, it is said, will be stronger this year than last, purposes entering again for the cup, and hopes to give a good account of itself; but Knox College, though they will have a club, will not, for some reason, enter the competition. The two Medical Schools have amalgamated their clubs under the name of the Medical Club, but lack a practice ground. We are glad to note the deservedly growing appreciation of this sport, but, without organized effort on the part of the various clubs, and an increased endeavour to bring out the scientific qualities of the game, it will never become so popular as to attract a sufficient number of spectators to pay the expenses of the visiting team—a matter so necessary where many places have to be called at.

—As our College terms encroach so little on the summer months, the organization of a cricket club in the University, has, up to this time, been an impossibility. Since, however, we can now number among our fast increasing undergraduates eleven cricketers resident in Toronto, this objection has been in the main removed. In May last the University defeated Upper Canada College in the first match played since its foundation. The Torontos scored our first defeat. Against our sister University, Trinity College, we were twice successful, in the second match defeating their eleven by six wickets. The failure of the Toronto club to fulfil their part of an agreement, made in April last, caused so much inconvenience to the team as to compel them to suspend practice during the latter part of the season. It is to be hoped that this breach of contract will prevent the recurrence of so unequal a barter, as the use of our excellent crease for the small handful of cricketing plant the Toronto club was generous enough to bestow upon us. Such victories, under prevailing circumstances are encouraging, and are evidence of the fact, that, in coming years, ours shall hold a prominent place among the cricket clubs of Ontario.

—Following the example of their confreres, the Rugby teams of Ontario, Montreal and Ottawa, have formed an Association with the view of promoting the game, and bringing about contests between far separated clubs. No cup or trophy is to be contended for, which will have the effect of preventing the jealousies and disputes so common where there is a prize to be won. By the end of the present month it is expected that matches will be played under the jurisdiction of this association. As none of last season's Fifteen were of the graduating year, few alterations will have to be made this fall, and a good record is to be looked for. It was simply the condition of the men that won the Lacrosse championship for Toronto at Montreal last Saturday, and if Harvard is to be encountered,—and I believe, and it is to be hoped it is,—our players cannot be too well trained. A knowledge of the difference between the American and Canadian game,—the open formation instead of the scrimmage,—should be cultivated, and if weekly practices have been arranged with Upper Canada College, why not, on every alternate practice day play the open formation? A well advertised match with some American University, on the Toronto cricket ground, would be productive of sufficient money to pay a large percentage of the visiting team's expenses. A game with Harvard would carry the celebrity of the UNIVERSITY abroad, and if fortune should lay success at our door, how pleasant the memory of our neighbors' visit would be.

THE growing importance of foot-ball as a Canadian College game has been recognized on all hands. Its importance is due to several reasons, the principal of which is perhaps its suitability for the season of the year during which students can indulge in athletic sports.

Although attempts have been made at different times to introduce other modes of exercise, foot-ball alone has been found to satisfy the requirements of the students of University College. As most of our readers are aware University College boasts of two foot-ball clubs, and judging from the interest manifested in, and success attained by, both the Rugby Union and the Association clubs last season, there can be no doubt but that the students are quite competent to bring both to a high degree of efficiency, without either interfering with the other. Without entering into a discussion of the relative merits of the two games, a history of the College Association may not prove uninteresting.

Until the beginning of the season of 1876, the foot-ball played by the students was under a system of rules now generally referred to as the "old University game." The most striking features of this game were charging from behind, hacking and tripping; and although players were not allowed to carry the ball, they could bounce it along the ground with their hands. The game was, without doubt, interesting

to spectators, if not positively amusing, but scientific play was out of the question. Matches could not be arranged, as no other clubs played the game, and the students soon became dissatisfied with it. In 1875 an attempt was made by a convention of delegates from several Canadian clubs to settle on some definite rules; the project, however, failed. In the following year another attempt was made, the College sending Messrs. HARSTONE and AIKINS as delegates to a representative meeting of a number of clubs; after considerable discussion the Scottish association rules were adopted, without any amendments. A Dominion association was formed, and a silver cup offered for competition among the various clubs composing the association. The College Club consented to the change and commenced practising under the new rules with some vigor. Want of proper organization, however, rendered proficiency in the new game impossible, and dissatisfaction again set in. The advocates of the Rugby Union game strenuously endeavored to effect a change to their rules, but during that year were unable to influence the majority of players. Early in the following season, the Rugby Union supporters called a meeting of the undergraduates, at which their rules were adopted, and the newly formed club was called 'University College Football Club.' This was all done so early in term that many players were absent, and had no opportunity of expressing their views on this important question. Those who were averse to the Rugby game held a meeting shortly afterwards, and the University College Football Association was formed, and Mr. DOBBS, the Captain for the previous year, was elected president. Considerable ill-feeling at first existed between the two clubs, but when it was found each had a sufficient number of members to support it, all jealousy passed away. Last season nine matches were played by the College Association, with the following result:—Won 4; drawn 3; lost 2. Three of these matches were for the Dominion Association Cup; one being won, another drawn, and the last lost. The prospects for the future success of the Association Game in the College are all that could be desired. Clubs are being formed in many High Schools of the Province, and it is expected that many of the students, coming from these schools, will be proficient in the game; and with assiduous practice and systematic organization, there is no reason why University College should not produce a team which could take the foremost position amongst the Football Associations of the Province.

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