

know of no writer of the first rank, who was not scrupulous in regard to all particulars of fact which bore upon the work he had in hand. We, who have to follow a slower and more labored method, must not claim exemption from a toil which the giants of our race gladly undertook. The best way to honor the calling which we have elected to follow is to take infinite pains to equip ourselves worthily for it. The men, as I have observed, who in the region of Theology are most humble and most sane, are those who have spared no pains to make themselves familiar with the results of the best modern thought; and it would be a poor tribute to the spirit of the Alma Mater, to which we are all so proud to belong, that its divinity students took refuge from honest labour, and even from a saving degree of mental unrest, under the plea that recent criticism disturbs the simple faith of the past. That it disturbs the simple faith of the past may be true, but it cannot disturb the eternal verities on which the universe is founded.

SPORTS.

ONTARIO RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP FOR '94.

HAMILTON VS. QUEEN'S IN KINGSTON.

FOR the second time in our history we have met Hamilton in the finals. In 1890 Hamilton won by a narrow margin; but if the score made in our game here last Saturday is any indication, Hamilton this year, while having the best team they ever had, is still too weak for Queen's. The score in Queen's favor was 19 to 10. We have still the match in Hamilton to play, but it is hoped that with good weather the majority of 9 points will be added to, rather than diminished. The game was looked forward to with interest by football enthusiasts all over the country. Hamilton was known to be strong, for was not theirs an unbroken record of victory! Toronto University, in a practice match, Toronto city and Osgoode Hall, in two championship matches each, had fallen before them, and the cry was "On to Queen's and the championship!"

But Queen's real strength had never been tested. Two practice matches were all the champions had played during the season, and it was thought that in their handicapped condition Queen's would fall an easy prey to Hamilton. Results have shown otherwise.

Of the match itself little can be said. The ground was too wet for effective work by either side, and on this account the game was almost entirely played by the forwards. From a spectator's point of view the match was not first-class, but was acknowledged to be good under the conditions.

For the first twenty minutes the ball was kept in Queen's territory, and the friends of the champions

looked anxious. But we were never in danger, and at the end of that time Hamilton's onslaught proved useless against the efforts of our grand defence. When we changed our tactics from defensive to offensive we charged down the field, and by a series of rushes secured our first touch-down; then we knew our team was the stronger, and for this match at least the championship was safe. For some time after the ball was chased up and down the field with the advantage on neither side. At length Hamilton secured a penalty within our twenty-five, which Harvey by a well-judged kick converted into a goal. The score was now equal, and but a few minutes remained of the first half. In this time, however, Queen's secured another touch, but failed to kick the goal, making the score 8 to 4 in our favor.

The second half began well for Queen's. From the kick-off the ball was rushed down field, over Hamilton's goal line, and a touch secured in forty seconds. In the resulting kick a goal was scored. It was a pretty sight to witness the effect on the on-lookers at this juncture. The 1500 spectators went wild with excitement, handkerchiefs were waved, and the "Gaelic slogan" of Queen's resounded through the air. Now Hamilton are on their mettle. After hard work two rouges and a touch are secured. Score, 10 to 14 in our favor and just 20 minutes to play. But Queen's grand condition tells, and from this to the end of the game the question with Hamilton is how to keep down the score. We again scored a rouge, and just a few minutes from the end a touchdown, making the total score 19 to 10 in our favor.

Speaking generally the teams were evenly matched, although on a good day Queen's running would likely win the match with a higher score. Our back division is up to its old form. Wilson at back maintained his reputation as the best man in the position in Canada. Our halves, Curtis, McRae and Farrel, were faultless, while Fox at quarter has improved somewhat since last year and is almost perfect. Our scrimmage handled Hamilton well, and it is probably to this fact our victory is to a great extent due. On the wings the teams were about equal. Ross and Marshall, the two best inside wing men playing to-day, were pitted against each other, and as a result neither did much. Behind the line Hamilton is not so reliable as Queen's; still with plenty time their backs kick well, but their running is never brought into requisition. The match was not the best exposition our team has given, but we hope they may do equally well in Hamilton.

HAMILTON VS. QUEEN'S IN HAMILTON.

The battles are over, and the championship for the second time comes to Queen's. Our hopes of Nov. 3rd were more than realized on the 10th, when