

knowing him to be the better man of the two. The lengths to which Prof. McLeod has gone to defeat Mr. Burland are simply astonishing. He has certainly lowered his reputation amongst both the University authorities and all right-thinking, independent graduates. When a Professor of a University goes about amongst the graduates of his particular Faculty, using language almost amounting to personal intimidation, it is not hard to see on which side right lies.

THE AFFILIATION OF THE HOCKEY AND FOOTBALL CLUBS.

The amalgamation of the various sporting interests of the College is a step in the right direction. In these times when nothing in the bodily or intellectual world is accomplished without a united effort, the existence of several unavoidably antagonistic clubs is injurious to all. There are many students who could uphold the honor of Old McGill in the field did they not find it impossible to meet the expenses incidental upon joining each club, but who could easily afford to pay the entrance fee of an Association, that would, to the best of its ability, assist the various clubs composing it, and thus prevent them from draining the private purses of their active members. Has it never occurred to our fellow-students that, if men sacrifice time, pleasure and ease to keep McGill sports respected by the world, they should at least get the financial aid such efforts require? The Association owes much to the Football and Hockey clubs,—more, perhaps, than it has realized. To them it owes over one-third of its members, among which is, almost without exception, every one of its active members. It is these clubs that train up and keep in trim those men whose exploits on field days are the admiration of the spectators, and they it is, and they alone, who make the name of McGill sports known beyond the college gates.

Therefore, it behoves the Association to do its best that the clubs do not bring down the standard of McGill sports. It, with every man of the University at its back, should jealously watch the course of hockey and football, and should be the first to discover and repair errors in our clubs, and to observe the difficulties under which they are labouring and assist them, if possible, to overcome these obstacles. This can be done only by affiliating them to itself, and to fail in bringing about such affiliation would have been to bring upon itself the charge of being an Athletic Association in name alone. Formed for the better conduction of the Autumn Sports, it should see that nothing shall weaken its power of ably superintending these, but

with whatever surplus it may have it should aspire to assist the other sporting interests of McGill. It should desire to cease an existence of ephemeral activity, and enter upon a life of constant usefulness.

The Association, with its customary far-sightedness recognized its responsibility, and, although the first move came from the clubs and not from itself, it at once approved of the affiliation, and sought to smoothe the path towards such a consummation by appointing a committee to arrange the basis for the affiliation which took place last Monday evening. This basis is that the clubs give up their right of collecting subscriptions; that a new committee, termed the Finance Committee, be constituted of three members of the association and one from each club committee; that the admission fee to the Association and affiliated clubs be two dollars; that the price of admission to each separate department be one dollar; that the Football Club be assured eighty dollars and the Hockey Club forty dollars annually, and that these grants be increased by as much as the Finance Committee deems advisable, according to its surplus and the needs of the clubs. According to this basis, an additional expenditure of one hundred and twenty dollars per annum is imposed upon the Association but by the same basis an addition of about eighty dollars is assured to the association by the right, now vested in it, of collecting the subscriptions to the various clubs, so that the actual drain upon its resources is no more than forty dollars.

The following are the actual figures founded upon this year's membership of the Football and Hockey clubs, a membership which, on account of small-pox and other causes, is nearer a minimum than a mean. The two clubs have one hundred and four members, giving a subscription of the same number of dollars. Deducting from this twenty-six subscriptions that will lapse when affiliation takes place, on account of men who are members of both clubs, we get seventy-eight dollars, and by subtracting this from the grant of one hundred and twenty dollars, we get a remainder of forty-two dollars, which, as we have said, is all the Association pledges itself to give to the affiliating clubs.

The name of the Association, the very grounds on which it claims universal and unqualified support among the students, and its purpose, are to the effect that it fosters the sporting life of our University, and since the only valid excuse for refusing the terms of the affiliation—namely, that the expenses of the clubs will destroy the whole institution, is but a chimera, it follows that the affiliation on this basis was not only feasible, but highly desirable.