

## THE YEAR IN ATHLETICS.

THE students of the University of Toronto are more than fortunate in the opportunities afforded them for athletic recreation and development. Nowhere in America do we find another university with such handsome and extensive grounds as we enjoy. The campus, which is every day the scene of so much activity, makes a magnificent practice and training ground, while the enlargement and improvement of the athletic field and the addition of the splendid new cinder track gives to the Varsity students one of the best, and certainly the prettiest, field in Canada.

The reorganization of the Athletic Association, two years ago, providing for its control and oversight, through the Directorate, of all the branches of sport has been largely responsible for the tremendous improvement in the management of and the increased interest shown by the students in all University athletics. We believe that we now have an almost ideal constitution, and confidently look for a continuation of the steady and healthy growth which has marked the last two athletic seasons.

The past year, as far as athletics are concerned, was probably the most successful ever enjoyed by the University. Not only did our representatives successfully uphold our honor on field and track, but the year was still more remarkable for the number of men turning out and competing for places on the various teams, and for the splendid support accorded all our teams by the student body. Nothing more encourages a team to their utmost effort than the feeling that they have the support and sympathy of their fellows in the stand, and for this reason the remarkable growth in college, or rather University spirit, which has marked the past year in athletics, is more than gratifying. We have seen men from the affiliated colleges don the blue and white and struggle for the honor of old Varsity—and these from colleges, the majority of whose members a year or two ago would never think of wearing any but their distinctive college colors.

The greatest achievement of the year was, probably, that of the Rugby Club which placed three teams in the field and with them won three championships. The Senior team not only won the Intercollegiate championship, but succeeded in going through the season without a defeat—a unique record in Intercollegiate football. There success was in no small measure due to the energetic and systematic work of Captain Jack McCallum, who gained for himself the reputation of being the greatest outside wing in Canada, as well as one of the best captains Varsity ever had.

The year in track and field athletics was marked by a wonderful growth of interest in this department of sport, and a more complete organization of the Track Club. The annual games were a great success, and the team that represented Varsity at Montreal was the strongest ever sent down and all but won Varsity's first Intercollegiate victory. The series of handicaps which were run off during the fall term was also a most successful experiment, and was the means of bringing out much valuable material.

In hockey, Varsity entered three teams in the O. H. A., and, although none were successful in landing a championship, they each in their series gave the very best account of themselves. The Jennings' Cup series again proved most interesting, and was productive of some excellent hockey. The Cup was won by the Dentals with the Meds. as runners-up.

The lacrosse season of 1902 was, as far as the victories of the team go, a tremendous success. From a very large field of candidates the management was enabled to pick the strongest team that has represented Varsity for years. The tour taken was enjoyed immensely by the players, and all the games but one were victories. For the first time in six years Varsity scored a win over the famous Crescents of Brooklyn, but lost the second game on the following day. The team also suc-

ceeded in winning the Intercollegiate championship of America by defeating Johns Hopkins, in Baltimore, by six goals to two.

The tour of the baseball team was also a great success, both from the standpoint of the enjoyment of the players and the success of the team in winning the majority of games played.

In association football, too, the past season was an active one, and the Intercollegiate series was successfully carried through. The Senior College championship was won by University College, and the Intermediate by the Dentals. The first steps towards the formation of a University of Toronto club was taken, and, if successfully carried through, will mean much for the game at the University.

The fall tournament which has just been completed, brings to a close the most successful season ever enjoyed by the Varsity tennis club. Percy Biggs and Herb Carveth have worked indefatigably in the interests of the club, with the result that the membership has been the largest on record and the summer's play has been enjoyed immensely. R. G. Dingman succeeded in winning the undergraduate championship, playing always consistent and often brilliant tennis throughout the tournament. We congratulate E. R. Patterson on his victory in the competition for the city championship. G. A. Robertson was successful in the Undergraduates' handicap contest.

The outlook for University athletics during the coming season is very bright. During the summer the Track Committee have worked most energetically in the interests of the club, and the tremendous success achieved in the annual games speaks worlds for the interest that has been aroused in this branch of sport. The handsome new cinder track which was put in last spring, and which, by the way, is one of the best in Canada, is largely responsible for this increased interest, and track and field athletics bid fair to win their way into the foremost position among University sports. Manager Dick Biggs is deserving of the greatest credit for the manner in which he has brought out our men, and this year's team without a doubt the strongest that has ever represented Varsity in the Intercollegiate contests, is largely due to his efforts.

In rugby, though we can hardly hope to duplicate the feat of winning three championships in one season, still, with such capable men as Percy Biggs and George Ballard in charge, and plenty of good material with which to fill vacancies, we may feel assured that the honor of old Varsity will be well taken care of. Varsity's clever win in Montreal on October 11 would seem to warrant the expectation that for the fourth time the Senior Intercollegiate championship would rest with the blue and white.

It is almost too early as yet to speculate as to the prospects of the other teams, but with a capable and experienced directorate in charge, and the healthy spirit which now characterizes all our college athletics, we hope for and look forward to a banner year in athletics at the University of Toronto. W. (unreadable)

## RECEPTION TO PRIMARY MEDS.

On Tuesday evening last a reception was tendered the Primary Students in Medicine by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y.M.C.A. in the Association rooms, Queen's Park. The men turned out in full numbers and were right royally entertained.

Mesdames Loudon, Reeves and McPhedran received and a bevy of young lady Undergraduates in Arts and Medicine assisted very materially in making things interesting for the visitors.

A thoughtful address, the keynote of which was the strenuous life, as enunciated first by the writer of Ecclesiastes, and more latterly by President Roosevelt, was given by Dr. A. B. McCallum, following an introduction by Dr. Reeve, the Honorary President of the Association. Misses Waste and McLean, Dr. Wagner and Mr. Arthur Blight contributed to the excellent musical programme, after which refreshments were served and the meeting brought to a close by the singing of the national anthem. Miss McLean and Mrs. Wagner very kindly acted as accompanists.