

The Campus.

THE importance of athletics in university life is to-day commonly admitted to be great. Athletics are an essential to the student if he is to leave college halls a manly man, and not a dyspeptic book-worm, incapable of combatting in an every-day world. And from the standpoint of the college they are indispensable in making the institution loom big in the eye of the matriculant, in rousing the undying love of the undergraduate, and in binding the graduates in the lasting loyalty that means much for future development. That the men in touch with Vic life see its needs in this direction is evident from a perusal of the articles in this issue upon the needs of Victoria. And the authorities have shown that they recognized this need by recently purchasing the land adjacent to the college property for a campus. But Vic has not yet come into possession of a *campus*. A strip of land, 100 x 120 yards, is at the disposal of the students, but over one thousand dollars must be expended before this land can serve the purpose of a campus. The students, in an exhibition of that loyalty essential to college success, have offered to clear and level and sod this land independently of the Board of Regents, whom they recognized were devoting every energy for the college development in other directions. Six hundred dollars, in loans, payable in one year, has already been secured, but if the land is to be ready for use in the fall, four hundred dollars at least must be subscribed at once.

The work is in charge of a committee appointed by the Athletic Union, and composed of L. E. Horning, M.A., Ph.D., J. R. L. Starr, B.A., and W. H. Hamilton, B.A. They are endeavoring to raise the money to immediately finish the work, and also to pay off the debt of six hundred dollars, and thus to leave the Athletic Union, unhampered by debt, free to devote itself to the raising of Vic's standard to the high place held in Cobourg days, and to its rightful stand in University life by McGill and Queen's and University College. Upon the grad. and lover of Vic now falls the responsibility of giving Vic a campus and an opportunity to prove her mettle.

The committee would take it as a great favor if *you*, whoever you may be, provided you have, or ever did have, a warm place in your heart for Old Vic, would subscribe for this work, and would send your subscription, or your cheque for the amount of your subscription, to the treasurer, Mr. J. R. L. Starr, Canada Life Building, King Street West, Toronto.

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