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The Inter-Collegiate Rugby Football League has just completed the second season of its existence, which is just one year longer than its opponents prophesied for it when it was first formed. In all respects, except one, the League has been as great a success as last year, and that one exception is the financial consideration. Last year all the clubs in the League, although subjected to the same heavy expenses as this year, came through the season with little or no deficit to report, while this year, both McGill, Queen's and Varsity have comparatively large deficits. The reason of this is that almost all the bad weather that we had this autumn fell on the Saturdays when the various teams were playing, or else the dates of our League clashed with those of another League. In the latter case, by the way, in Toronto, we got larger crowds than our rivals.

Moreover, the unfortunate occurrence of Osgoode finally deciding not to place a Senior team in the League, led to a great deal of confusion, which resulted in financial loss, especially to Varsity. Viewed from the standpoint of financial success, the season of 1899 must be regarded as most unfortunate. In other respects, the League is just as successful and satisfactory as its promoters anticipated.

The games that have been played have been remarkable for the true sportsmanlike spirit that prevailed; and after all, that is at the bottom of the real success of every game or sport. The men on each team played to win, and played with all their strength. The strength they used, however, was always tempered with a manly spirit entirely free from underhand or brutal tactics. There was no rough play whatever, and not a single piece of dirty or brutal play has marred the excellent matches played in the Inter-Collegiate series this year.

With regard to the quality of football played, there can be no doubt that towards the end of the season, for scientific, honest Rugby, the College teams could not be excelled in the country. The matches between McGill and Varsity at Montreal, and Queen's and Varsity at Kingston, were splendid exhibitions of Rugby, as it could and should be played. The last game particularly was a beautiful open game, with some excellent kicking, running, and tackling, with very little of the close, hard scrimmage work in which the ball is lost to view for five minutes at a time.

How do the three Universities feel with regard to the League? is a question that might be asked. On the whole there can be no doubt but that they are satisfied with it in every regard except financially. From the standpoint of the sport itself, the satisfaction is general and freely expressed. How, then, can the financial position of all the clubs be improved? The first means that suggests itself is that of arranging to have more home games. As it is now, each club has to find all its expenses for one season from two home games, and as these expenses amount to nearly \$700, it can be readily appreciated that unless Jupiter Pluvius is on good behavior there is a splendid chance of not obtaining the necessary amount.

It appears to us that a great effort should be made this year to induce Ottawa College to put a team in the League. Osgoode is still a member, and if both these institutions would enter a Senior team, the financial success of the season would be practically assured. Now, the objection both of these teams raise is that it is difficult for them to get together fifteen bona fide students. But a remedy for this is ready to hand. Why should not the Inter-Collegiate League adopt Mr. Thrift Burnsides' rules. With regard to the two teams mentioned above, it would minimize their difficulty very materially to only have to obtain eleven men. Then, again, the expense of travelling would be substantially reduced by having fewer men for which to pay railway and hotel fare. These considerations are entirely apart from the excellence of the game which the new rules would practically ensure. But these have been so generally discussed that we will not go into the matter further.

It is to be hoped then, that, at the next general meeting of the League, Mr. Burnsides' rules will carry, and that Ottawa College and Osgoode may be induced to enter a team in the Senior series. The success of the League from every standpoint will be then practically assured.

## Heard in the Halls.

A. E. T. Jackson, '98, is studying law in Philadelphia.

"Freddie" Smith, '99, is now in Buffalo preparing for a course in law.

H. McKenzie Lamont, erstwhile assistant manager of the Rugby team, is now on the sporting staff of The Globe.

"Jack" Davidson, who attended S.P.S. last year, is assistant civil engineer on the C.P.R. double track between Fort William and Winnipeg.

The annual meeting of the Lacrosse Club will probably be held in a week or two. The election of officers will then take place, and much important business transacted.

The Christmas number of Acta Victoriana, the Victoria University monthly, is not only a credit to the Union Literary Society of the University, which issues it, but also to typographical and illustrative art in Canada. Acta presents a bill of fare which is Canadian from cover to cover, the list of names being led by the distinguished one of Dr. Goldwin Smith. Dr. Smith's contribution is a metrical translation of the parting of Hector and Andromache. Anyone familiar with the felicitous translations of "Bay Leaves" will know what to expect in this essay in the same direction, although from the Greek instead of the Latin. Sir John Bourinot, Prof. Mavor, Prof. Shortt, Wm. Wilfred Campbell, D. C. Scott, T. H. Rand, Jean Blewett, Kathleen Blake Coleman and W. A. Fraser are among the other noted contributors.

The picture of the Senior Rugby team will probably be taken next Monday.

The annual meeting of the Rugby Club will take place next week. Much business of a very important nature will come before the meeting, and all the supporters of the club are urged to be present. The election of officers will take place then also.

There is a great deal of talk about having another Rugby dance. This time, if it is decided to hold one and permission is obtained, the dance will be held under the auspices of the Rugby Club. The object will be to help clear the club of the debt which poor weather and general bad luck caused. The dance no doubt would be very popular, apart from the worthy object it would serve.

R. J. Wilson, '00, will read a paper before the Philosophical Society on "Memory Images" to-morrow afternoon.

Prof. A. B. McCallum and Mrs. McCallum, 59 St. George street, gave a very enjoyable afternoon tea last Saturday to the members of the Science Faculty, and the undergraduates of the four years in natural science. A number of well-known Varsity women were also present, and helped the men to enjoy themselves the more.

The second of the joint Monday lectures, under the auspices of the various departmental societies, will be held next Monday in room 9, University College, at 4.10 p.m. Prof. A. B. McCallum will deliver what will no doubt be a most interesting lecture on the subject of "The Nerve Cell and the Race." All are cordially invited and none should miss this opportunity of hearing Prof. McCallum.

At a meeting of the classical association last Tuesday, Miss A. May, '02, gave a most interesting essay on "Ethical Motives of the Greek Dramatists," and P. C. Dobson, '00, read a carefully prepared paper on "Alexander the Great."

Next Wednesday, C. C. Nasmith, '00, will read an essay before the Natural Science Association on "Economic Products of Huronian Rocks." E. M. Ashworth, '01, will give a paper on "Clouds." All are cordially invited to attend. The meeting will be held in the east wing of the Biological building.

Dr. Solimbergo, the Italian Consul-General at Montreal, has forwarded to the President the books donated annually by the Italian Government for the encouragement of the study of Italian in the University. It was to a great extent through the efforts of Dr. Solimbergo that these prizes were originally given, and he has always shown a lively interest in the study of Italian here. The winners are: 4th year, Miss H. E. Downey; 3rd year, Miss E. M. Fleming; 2nd year, Mr. M. A. Buchanan; 1st year, Mr. A. Cohen. We offer congratulations. They should have received their rewards at Convocation, but for delay in transmission. Their patience, however, has been rewarded by the extremely handsome and valuable nature of the volumes. They are much the finest prize books in the gift of the University.

## FUTURE EVENTS.

Trinity Medical Dinner, December 8th.  
Dental "At Home," December 8th.  
Joint Monday Lecture, December 11th, by Prof. A. B. McCallum.

Varsity Glee Club Concert, December 13th.  
Varsity Dinner, December 14th.

Every section of the United States will be represented in the amateur athletic programme at the Paris Exposition. There is no question but that football will be one of the features at the Exposition in 1900.

## UNIVERSITY ARTS' DINNER, DEC. 14th.

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Arrangements for the third University Dinner are fast being completed, and everything promises an excellent time, both for Faculty, graduates, and undergraduates. The event will take place next Thursday night at the Gymnasium, which is conceded as one of the best places in the city for such a purpose. It is centrally located and is easily decorated. Moreover, convenient cloak-rooms are ready to hand.

An excellent committee have charge of the affair, and its success is assured. Mr. J. J. Gibson is the chairman of the undergraduate committee, while President Loudon is chairman of the joint committee. The students will be sorry to learn that he will not be able to attend the Dinner, and in all probability Prof. Hutton will preside. Mr. E. P. Flintoft has charge of the refreshment committee, and announces that Harry Webb will supply the solids of the evening, while J. J. McLaughlin will probably look after the supply of wet goods. These, it is understood, will be strictly limited to water and lemonade, ad infinitum; ginger ale, ad Canada; and ginger ale from Ireland. It is to be hoped that those attending will be able to trample Bacchus under foot, even though they do worship Epicurus.

Prof. Baker has charge of the exchequer; J. F. M. Stewart of the reception committee; H. D. Graham of the entertainment committee; E. H. Cooper of the invitation committee, while A. McLeod says the Gymnasium will look like fairyland when he gets through renovating it.

It is hoped and expected that the Varsity men will support the Dinner liberally. The price of the tickets has been kept down to \$1.50 for undergraduates and graduates. Members of the Faculty have kindly consented to pay extra to assist in the success of the function. Further particulars will be published next week.

## ST. MICHEL'S NOTES.

(Continued from page 1).

"Lifting scenery is far easier than studying Greek."

St. Michael's Debating Society held its semi-monthly meeting Saturday evening. The subject under discussion was the question of "Woman's Suffrage." Messrs McCue and Sheehan upheld the rights of the women, against Messrs. Staley and Morley. Every man had a thorough knowledge of the subject, and was in the discussion to win, bringing out their arguments in a clear, terse style. The sides were well matched, and for a long time it was doubtful what would be the result. But when Staley, in a loud, melodious voice, rang out the words, "I am not in favor of Woman's Suffrage," and upheld his statement with clear, philosophical arguments, the issue could be no longer doubtful. This ends the meetings till after Christmas, when we hope the work will be resumed with redoubled interest.

The greater Debating Society is indulging in considerable self-adulation these days, and the St. Charles Society has determined to throw the glove into the debating hall some evening in the near future, just to reduce the exuberance of vanity.

We were in the game on Monday with everybody except the umpire, but the umpire is a mighty man.

### "MORE SINNED AGAINST, Etc.

College presented "Charlton's Original Irish Drama," entitled, "More Sinned Against Than Sinning," on the above.

The Dramatic Society of St. Michael's mentioned evening, before a large and appreciative audience, under the able management of H. N. Shaw, B.A., to whom much credit must be given for his untiring efforts to make the play a success.

After the overture by Bayley's celebrated orchestra, Prof. Shaw favored the audience with a recitation, entitled, "Cambyses and the Macrobian Bow," and in response to the tremendous applause which followed, gave one of his comic selections, "How She Farmed," which completely brought down the house.

Following are the characters: Squire Hilton, Mr. J. P. McCluskey; Marmaduke, Mr. J. F. Mulligan; Alfonso Belhaven, Mr. Charles E. Duffy; Dick Harvey, Mr. A. J. Savage; Major Lookout, Mr. W. B. Collins; Teddy O'Neil, Mr. H. McKenna; Captain De Balsac, Mr. E. Cryne; Andy, Tom, Joe, Smugglers, Messrs. J. J. Callanane, H. V. Thompson, and E. S. Luby; John Jemison, Mr. H. Sheridan.

It would be impossible to particularize, as each and every one did equal justice to the part assigned.

The Society was highly favored with the presence of Mayor Shaw and others. Rev. Father Roche, President of the Dramatic Society, is to be congratulated for his unceasing labors, and to him is due much credit for making the play a success, both financially and otherwise.

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11.—County Model Schools examinations begin.

13.—Written examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin.

15.—County Model School term ends.

15.—Provincial Normal Schools close.

22.—High Schools first term, and Public and Separate Schools close.

There is a movement among a number of the American colleges to organize regular series of intercollegiate debates, the aim being to encourage the same spirit of fraternal enthusiasm in intellectual lines as already exists among the football champions, Yale and Harvard, the first to try the plan, have been contesting since 1892, and, with Princeton they hold triangular debates each year. Several of the smaller colleges have dual contests. A similar scheme has been frequently suggested for the five colleges of our own Maritime Provinces.

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