

There ought to be good base-ball this spring. Five clubs have been organized in the city and the city base-ball league that was formed last summer will, be reorganized with a greater number of clubs than it had last year. It is not yet known whether Varsity will be in the league. If they were to join they would be obliged to play every club in the league before the closing of college, and then play them all again after college would re-open in September. This is the only way they could fill the engagements of a schedule, but to some of the other clubs such an arrangement might not be acceptable. However, whether Varsity join the league or not, since there are so many clubs in the city our base-ball manager ought to be able to arrange for at least three or four matches. There is some good material in our midst and with sufficient practice we ought to have a nine that will hold its own with any of the city clubs.

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In the past four years there has been very little foot-ball played in the spring of the year and in the last two there has been none at all. Formerly there was great attention paid to foot-ball in the spring and it was by no means misdirected attention. Spring was the schooling season for foot-ballers. Young players and men that had previously played but little or none at all were organized into two or three teams and played matches with one another; and the players went on the field as determined to win as though they were playing for the Provincial or Dominion Championships. In this way, a great many in a short time acquired a playing knowledge of the rules and thus was eliminated the necessity of teaching the rudiments of the game when the regular season opened in September. To this system, the teams of former years owed much of their success. Since spring foot-ball has been discontinued there have been so many green candidates for the team in the fall that before they had properly learned how to tell on which side they were playing or what was meant by the so often yelled "off-side" or "held," the season was nigh over and there was little time left for the teaching of tactics and team play. Just at present there are a goodly number of men in college who are well qualified physically to fill a position on the Varsity team. But in no other respect are they qualified to play on a senior team, and as we are losing quite a few of our first team in June, the opening of next season will see us somewhat perplexed as to how to

replace them, if the recruits in our midst are not properly drilled before the present college year is brought to a close. The foot-ball management foresee this and have taken steps to give all, so desiring, an opportunity of learning the game. Four teams have been organized and a series of matches will be played. As the members of '92 will have their hands full preparing for examinations, none of them have been included in the list of players, but four of them, Messrs. McCarthy, Gaudet, Tracy and Collins have kindly consented to give the benefit of their services in the capacity of coaches. They will each take charge of one of the four teams. Each team has three spare men, so that there will be in all 72 candidates for next year's Varsity team. Surely out of that number we might be able to develop fifteen first-class men to do battle for the garnet and gray in the Ontario series next fall. In order that the end that the Athletic Committee have in view may be attained, it is necessary that the members of those teams should have a clear idea of the significance and importance of these matches. To put it briefly, it means the success or failure of Varsity next fall. And as we all wish for victory and deprecate defeat, it will be part of the duty of the managers of the teams to see that the men are alive to the importance of their work and that they will go into the game with that vim and earnestness that ensures success.

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This is gala-day year and the announcement was made recently that it will be held in the first week of June. If there be any athletic ability in our midst, that has hitherto been latent, now is the time for it to be brought out. There may not be many "all round" athletes, but surely there ought to be a few who can take part in at least one or two of the many and various events that will be included in field-day programme. There is one thing to which we would wish to call particular attention, and that is the necessity, on the part of intending competitors, of being in good condition. Two years ago, some of the competitors, after one or two events were completely exhausted, on account of their not being in proper condition. Moreover, unless the competition in the events is keen there will be little or no interest taken in the result. It is said that this year's prize list will be better than ever, so that it behooves those who intend competing to train hard, in order that by their hearty co-operation, the efforts of the committee may result in making the field-day of '92 a complete success.