

and removed, on account of its spoiling Spadina Avenue. If this is done, it will doubtless be built on a larger scale next time. It is to be hoped that, at the same time, the arrangement of the rooms will be changed somewhat, and that more ground will be secured for purposes of football, and the other recreations so necessary to health and enjoyment.

That reminds me that football seems to be suffering the inevitable reaction after the "boom" of last year. There is lots of good material still, but the withdrawal of several of the old members from the team seems to have dampened the spirits of the club to some extent. Then, of course, the want of a suitable ground for practice is a great drawback. At a meeting held early in the month, the club decided not to enter the Central Association, but to use their influence towards the formation of an Inter-Collegiate Association. One match has been played—with the University—and it resulted in a decided victory for the 'Varsity.

Our Glee Club has begun practice with quite a large number of new members, and promises to be up to its accustomed standard of excellence; though, as usual, we have rather too many bass voices in proportion to the tenors. Our popular leader, Mr. Collins, is again at his post. It is contemplated that a number of concerts shall be given, perhaps three this term, and three next, in some of the neighboring towns, in order to improve the financial position of the club. The towns that will probably be taken in this term, are Georgetown, Brampton and Weston.

You will be glad to hear that we have secured the services of Mr. Neff, of Philadelphia, as our teacher in Elocution for this session. This gentleman has been connected with the Philadelphia School of Oratory, and is highly spoken of by all who have attended the classes of that institution. And, indeed, Mr. Neff's enthusiasm, and the unselfish ardor with which he devotes himself to his work, are most inspiring. Almost any afternoon this month, if you had paid us a visit, you would have heard the college halls resound with the sighs and groans of aspiring young orators, all anxious to acquire "the abdominal movement."

The Reading Room is to be fuller this year than it has ever been before. The Literary Society has received permission from the Senate to use the amount formerly spent for society prizes, for the benefit of the Reading Room. This will enable us to secure a number of valuable periodicals which we have hitherto been unable to obtain, owing to lack of funds. Besides this, our old and tried friend, Mr. Mortimer Clarke, has laid us under renewed obligations by presenting us with a number of reviews and papers.

In other respects the Society seems likely to do good work this year. Our meetings, so far, have been well attended; the debates have been lively and interesting. The first Public comes off on November 7th. The editors of that somewhat soporific magazine, the MONTHLY, have had several meetings, I believe, and seem anxious to make it more popular and practical than it has hitherto been. The result of their first month's labor will appear about the first of November.

But I must not spin this out any longer, or you will think I am giving you more than you bargained for.

With warmest regards to Mrs. Gradde, I remain, your friend,

*Res. John Gradde,  
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