

our richest possession move toward the sea, the very richest of the soil being carried to the rivers, to the lakes, and to the sea.

For these reasons it has been found that deforesting is sooner or later followed by barrenness. In Germany, Russia, France, Spain and all the countries bordering on the Mediterranean sea the same process has occurred. Until now, the Governments of Europe are spending millions of dollars and making every effort to encourage the replanting and preservation of their forests, for they have discovered that therein lies the secret for the conservation of the fertility of their soil.

Among all the politicians who have struggled for the welfare of our country few have deemed it worth while to save our timber, but happily the Governments of the several States are taking steps in this direction now; they have at last awakened to the danger of the situation and the necessity for action. No destruction was ever more ruthless, more injurious, nor will be more lasting in its effects than that to which Americans for the past hundred years have been urging each other on by precept and example.

On every farm some forest is needed as a wind break, to furnish fuel, to aid in procuring rain and preventing aridity and drought, to furnish a supply of water for the springs, and to form a store house of timber for such farm improvements as may be necessary from time to time.

He who has near his home a forest walk of his own, has opportunities that many would gladly own: for there, for a space he may enjoy the health-giving atmosphere and—

"Under the shade of melancholy boughs,
Loose and neglect the creeping hours of time!"

Sports.

THE committee of the O. A. C. Cricket Club deserve much credit for the success of the entertainment given at the Town Hall on Monday, April 23rd, 1894. We allude to the enjoyable evening provided by Mr. J. W. Bengough (of "Grip" fame), under the auspices of the above club. Special praise is due to the efforts of its indefatigable secretary, Mr. Chas. G. Bowker (who was ably seconded by Mr. Graesser).

The first item of the programme was a violincello solo by Mr. Crowe, accompanied on the pianoforte by Miss Crowe. Then Mr. Bengough appeared. By his ready flow of wit, his fund of humor and his inimitable and rapid sketches of local character and events he kept the audience in rapt attention throughout the evening. Occasionally he would lapse into the pathetic and beautiful, but in an instant by some comic allusion call forth the happy smile and unpremeditated laugh. It naturally followed that the entertainment was much appreciated by all loving wit, humor, pathos and art without the too often accompanying taint of vulgarity.

[Financially the Cricket Club did not obtain more than enough to provide for the present demands of the sport and that only on a limited scale. They are still without a practice net. If the enthusiasm of the cricketers can be kept up till next year we will look for better things.]

The first team went to Preston, Thursday, April 26th, and played a friendly game with Preston Seniors. Play lasted for an

hour in which the College scored 2 goals, neither of which were allowed, one being an "off side" and the other the referee declared a "foul." The match ended in a draw—0-0. Mr. Forsyth refereed to the entire satisfaction of both sides.

The Hespler first team came up to the College, Saturday, 5th inst., to play the first team. Unfortunately rain fell about 5 minutes after the ball had been kicked from centre; which necessitated the teams stopping till the rain ceased. About 20 minutes later the ball was kicked off again, but play only lasted 10 minutes as it began to rain heavier than ever. Our team was minus 2 or three of its 1st team men but, nevertheless, they managed to score 1 goal; Hespler 0.

The 1st match of the new Cricket Club, was played, Saturday afternoon, May 12th, on the Exhibition Grounds, against the Guelph C. C. The city club won the toss and went in first. After 1½ hour, good play Guelph's score was 72, all out. College then went in at 4:15 and played till 5:55 when last man was put out, score being 70. Dr. Lett made 21 runs, top score for Guelph, with Capt. Merryweather next for 11. R. Maconache (Capt.), and E. J. M. Edelen each made 16 for College. Frank McCallum made a hit for 4 which was loudly applauded. Several players made hits for 3 on both sides but the score was mostly made up of single runs. Our boys fielded much better than the city and seemed to play a steadier game throughout.

The 1st Cup Match, of the Central District, W. F. A., was played on our grounds, Saturday, 12th inst., between the College and Elmira. Play was called for 5 but it was 5:40 before the ball was kicked off, as 3 of the team had to play for the Cricket Club against Guelph and they were not able to leave the city till 5. The College won the toss and played with a slight breeze in their favor. Play on both sides during the first half was only fair, although the College had the best of it, which proved itself by their kicking 3 goals to Elmira's 1. In the second half the College played a better combination but found it very hard to pass Elmira's full backs, who played a very sure game but were rather too fond of kicking into touch. When the whistle blew for time another goal had been scored for College, making College 4, Elmira 1. The students turned out well and encouraged the players wonderfully by cheering lustily, particularly when any goals were made. No rough play was resorted to by either side, and all the players speak very highly of the Elmira team as being one of the most gentlemanly that has ever visited the College. Mr. Reynolds performed the office of referee to the entire satisfaction of everybody.

The College met the Berlin Rangers in a friendly match on the lawn Thursday evening, May 17th. It threatened rain all day and it was thought possible the Rangers might not turn up, but about 6.15 it was announced that they had arrived. Play commenced at 6.45 and lasted for an hour. In the 1st half, after many good passes and shots on goal by both teams, Berlin's outside left secured the ball, about 30 feet from goal and within 1 foot of the goal touch, and by a well-judged kick scored. It was a wonderfully good kick and elicited much praise from the on-lookers, though they were sorry it was not scored by the College. The 2nd half commenced in a heavy rain and before 5 minutes were over both ball and players were soaking wet, which made playing unpleasant and accurate shooting very difficult, but, notwithstanding, both teams kept their feet and passed well. The Rangers, in this half, kicked another goal, just about 1 minute