

COLLEGE SPORTS.

FOOTBALL—KNOX COLLEGE AND OUR ASSOCIATION TEAM.

For the third time these teams met yesterday, and the issue was unfortunate for our college. A week before, a game was played between them to practice Knox for their match with the Carletons, and our own team for the Medical match. In this game no goal was scored; and the evenness of the play was such that none could tell which was the better team. On Monday then, when it was announced that one of the ties in the second series for the cup was University vs. Knox, the knowing ones foretold a close contest. How well founded these prophecies were was shown in the games of Thursday and yesterday.

On Thursday the ground was in very fair condition, and the finest exhibition of football this city has seen was given to the large crowd of spectators. The team that played for Knox was almost the same as that which won the cup last year, and the prestige they acquired thereby gave their sympathisers hope that they would easily conquer the University team. In our team some changes had been made since the match with the Medicals, Balderson playing back in place of Carruthers, and Macallum replacing McEachern among the forwards. When the men took their places at the goal of play, none could fail to notice that the Knox men would weigh on the average a half more than ours, but the swiftness of our players made up for this disadvantage. Thursday was a fearful day for football, the mercury being near zero, and a very strong wind blowing. The flags had been placed so that neither side should have an unfair advantage, but in such weather it was only by the most careful playing that the ball could endanger the goal. The teams recognized this, and played a most spirited game; charge followed charge at either end, and Richardson frequently gave the Knox goal-keeper all he wished to do. Hepburn, Macdonald and Robertson assaulted the College fortress. Once a splendid kick by Hepburn almost lowered the College colors, but the adroitness of Lee, in goal, saved them, by his knocking the ball over the tape. So narrow was the escape that the shout of victory was raised by the Knox men, but it was soon hushed; and the University pressing hard upon their opponents' goal forced them to kick behind their line. The kick from the corner was unsuccessful however, and the ball passed up field to give the Knox men a similar kick. This attack was alike unsuccessful, and so with repulses and attacks half the time was taken up.

On resuming play, both sides showed renewed purpose, but the University seemed to be getting the better of their opponents. The ball was continually in the neighborhood of the Knox goal, which Lee and Macallum repeatedly endangered. The Knox men again passed behind their goal line, but the kick from corner was met by Hepburn in a splendid manner, and the Knox forwards breaking away carried the ball down field, where a kick was made on the Varsity goal for the first time after resuming play. It was, however, unsuccessful. The setting in of a severe snow storm soon put an end to play, and it was agreed to continue the game next day.

Yesterday, accordingly, the teams met again Richardson of the College team having been disabled on Thursday, Mackay took his place. The Knox team had two new men. The game was but a repetition of Thursday's, the only difference being that the ground was in such a slippery condition no accuracy in play could be made. Both goals were continually in danger, and the result of the game proves the foolishness of playing on such slippery ground. Robertson received the ball from one of the Knox men, and carried it down toward goal, Broadfoot, never known to lose a ball on good ground, missed his kick and Robertson took the chance to put the ball through by a well-directed kick. The University gathered themselves up, and on kicking off again the ball was carried to the Knox fortress, where a most unusual chance to kick a goal was missed. For the remaining time the ball was kept about the Knox goal, but the constant kicking into touch so ran away with the few minutes to spare that when 'time' was called no further goal was scored. Our team, as a whole, played well, and though unfortunately they lost the match, and are thus excluded from further competition for the cup, too great praise cannot be given them for the excellent account they gave of themselves. An effort will be made to have the trophy, which was to become the property of the winning team at the Cobourg tournament, contested for here, when it is to be hoped the two clubs may meet again.

There are some features of the play of their team which, however, ours can profitably imitate. The 'break-away' and 'charge' of their forwards is superior, and if our men would kick and not dribble so much near goal they would do better. The ball in these matches was at their goal more than half the time, but no goal was scored, and it was noticed that the only balls the goal-keeper needed to put his hands to were those kicked from some distance out in the field.

THE COLLEGE GYMNASIUM.

The committee appointed to obtain subscribers to the proposed gymnasium have made substantial progress; but as they wish to get the largest possible number, they announce the terms upon which they ask subscriptions. It is expected the College Council will assist the students, and the measure of their assistance, will no doubt, be directly determined by the interest the undergraduates take in the proposal. The only means of judging of this interest, which the Council can have, will be the petition to it signed by those who subscribe. Hence it is important, that every undergraduate, who would give a dollar to see the gymnasium in good running order on his return to lectures after Christmas, should give his name to a member of the Committee named in last issue. Names to be handed in next week at the latest.

At King's College, Nova Scotia, a graduate is expected to plant a tree in the college grounds in commemoration of taking his degree. The Record, says that several of these 'degree trees' have grown to stately elms. If we wanted to observe that custom here, it would first be necessary to petition the Government to give us a township and then move it down to the rear of the college.

TO BILL.

Brave Bill was a boy of wonderful skill
And remarkable fun-making power;
Of anecdotes fine a great stock had he
To wile away many an hour.

After the regular Easter exams,
When all nature rejoiced in her glory,
And the trees and the flowers, budding softly unseen,
Seem'd longing to hear a good story.

Our talk, of course, tended to sundry exams,
And answers returned by wise pupils;
Whose wit might be measured, indeed, by the yard,
But whose brains were balanced by scruples.

Tom Jones, festive youth, had an ambitious mind,
And longed for a learned profession,
But the utmost efforts of a stout pedagogue
Could not make the slightest impression.

How'er, Tom went up for his Medic. exam.
For entrance to Her Majesty's navy,—
His knowledge on physiological facts
Was what might be termed somewhat hazy.

Tom trembled to face the examiner stern,
And indeed he had very good reason,
His ideas, like pemican, made without salt,
Required a good deal of season.

'Now tell me what's the first thing you would do,
If a man were blown up through the deck?'
Tom, thought for a time, 'Why, the first thing I'd do
Would be wait until he'd come back.'

The examiner passed him with honors, and now
His geography had to be tested, (youth,—
'Where's a Toulon?' was the first question asked of the
His attention some time it invested.

Tom answered all right, but (spelt it Toulonn,
And of course it offended the master,
'There's only one 'ben' in Toulon, my fine youth,
By the head of the wise Zoroaster.

'Tom peered at the cockney with innocent look,
Who wondered at being gazed on,
'By Jove,' says Tom, 'Jones, with twinkling eye,
'How dear eggs must be in Toulon!'

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