

I can recall words of an old friend, who has been dead for a considerable number of years, and was by no means either a fool or a martinet, which would surprise the modern college tutors, alike by their sentiment and their strength, upon one of the most orthodox of athletic pursuits. "That devilish boating," was my friend's expression, he being a clergyman. "That devilish boating," was *un peu trop fort* even then : but I must confess to have myself started with a strong prejudice against the athletic cult, in which I have come frankly to recognize very real and considerable merits. Besides its physical advantages, it has, to my knowledge, had the effect of making our young University men, as a whole, more manly, more simple, more healthy-minded ; it is undoubtedly discouraging to imposture and conceit or self-consciousness : it promotes public spirit and common action, and by bringing together men of different classes and creeds in voluntary union, it greatly improves them all.

I cannot extend the same praise to the mere spectators of athletics, put I think that this class, although it exists at our universities, is by no means so numerous there as elsewhere. And there are two parasitic growths to genuine sport, now forcing themselves a good deal upon the notice of the public at large, with which we have fortunately little to do. The persons who regard sports simply as events for betting on, are, I believe, but few at Oxford or Cambridge. And as to professionalism, though we may pay for it in the form of instructors and assistants, against whom no particular exception can be taken, it is necessarily unknown amongst ourselves.

One must admit that the pursuit of athletics, when carried to its present somewhat absorbing extent, rather shoulders out all intellectual aspirations which do not happen to be particularly vigorous ; it tends to stop reading, or to reduce it to the scrappy acquisitions of the ordinary over-occupied man of business in late life : it even produces, in some cases, a cynicism with regard to study in general, which is not lessened by certain faulty methods of University examination. Lastly its beneficial moral effects depend a good deal upon the social sanctions, the general atmosphere and environment of the University itself. The athlete pure and simple coming out into the open world is, better prepared than a boy from a French *lycée* turned loose as an etudiant upon Paris. Still he has his temptations to face, like all of us, and it is sometimes possible that his liability to these may have been enhanced rather than diminished by his previous training. Many of you, no doubt, have read Wilkie Collins' "Man and Wife." The picture of the hero, if I may call him so, is much overdrawn : but it does seem to contain a shade of truth.

The upshot of all this is that, in my opinion, University or College authorities could and should do rather more than they actually do at present, for their rank and file, to qualify or supplement the great bent of our young England towards a predominantly physical education.

#### CONVOCATION NOTES.

We regret that in our last issue a mistake was made in this column in speaking of the late Canon Logan. On referring to the records kept by the Registrar, we find that the deceased was a student at the Cobourg Divinity School, and was admitted by a grace of Convocation to the degree of B.A. Dec. 19th, 1861, and to the degree of M.A. Dec. 18th, 1862. In the list for 1861 we notice, besides Canon Logan's name, those of T. W. Allen, G. A. Anderson, G. I. Armstrong, Henry Brent, G. A. Bull, H. E. Pless, A. R. Stimson, John Wilson and J. B. Worrell, at least three of whom are still living.

The Executive Committee met on Thursday evening, the 21st inst., in the Registrar's room. There were present the Chair-

man, the Provost, the Registrar, the Dean, the Clerk, Professors Cayley and Mackenzie, the Reverend J.S. Broughall, and Messrs. Kirwan Martin, Pottenger, and Young. It was decided to hold meetings hereafter on the third Tuesday in each month at the call of the Clerk.

*New Members.*—The following gentlemen were elected associate members of Convocation : Messrs. F. A. P. Chadwick, B.A., W. G. Swayne and J. F. Rounthwaite.

*Lecture Committee.*—The Convener reported the deliverance of lectures as chronicled in the last number of THE REVIEW, and the promise of a list of members of St. Thomas' Church who would likely become interested in Convocation if they were asked. It was suggested that steps be taken to get similar lists from other parishes and to arrange for sermons on Religious Education, with special reference to Trinity, to be preached in other churches just in the same way as the Provost and Professor Clark preached in St. Thomas' a few weeks ago.

*Delegates to the Ontario Synod.*—The Provost and the Clerk were appointed to address the evening meeting which is always held in the interests of Trinity on the Wednesday of the week in which the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario meets. The meeting this year will be held on July 8th. The general opinion seemed to be that, wherever it is practicable, it would be well to have similar meetings during Synod week, so that an account might be given to the members of the various Synods of what is really their own University, for it must never be forgotten that the bishops are, in virtue of their office, members of Corporation and have each the right to nominate four other members of that body.

*Circulars.*—The Clerk laid on the table copies of the revised matriculation circular, and reported upon the Convocation circular. The Convener of the Advertising Committee reported that the matriculation circular had been distributed among the pupils of various High Schools and Collegiate Institutes to the number of thirty-seven in all. It was agreed that the legal members of the committee, the Chairman, Messrs. Harman, Martin, Symons, Davidson, MacInnes, and Pottenger should draw up a circular about the law course for distribution in October among the students at law in attendance at the Ontario Law School.

*Year Book.*—A full report on the publication of a year book under the auspices of Convocation was presented by Professor Mackenzie. After a very full discussion it was moved by the Dean, seconded by the Clerk, that a year book not exceeding a hundred and fifty pages be published, the edition to consist of five hundred copies. This motion was unanimously carried and the Publication and Advertising Committee was instructed to elect an editor-in-chief and to take full charge of the matter. It is estimated that if half the copies ordered are sold at fifty cents each, the money realized will pay the cost of publishing, for it is not intended that Convocation shall be out of pocket through the venture. The remaining copies can easily be disposed of by exchanging with other colleges, etc. As it is intended that the book shall be, as far as possible, a complete record of everything worth chronicling in the college year, the actual work of publication will be done during the long vacation and the book will be ready for distribution at the beginning of Michaelmas Term. Besides a chronicle of the year's events there will be a history and description of the University and of the College buildings, accompanied by cuts if possible. Lists of graduates and former dons will be given, together with everything that can properly be classed under the heading of College notes. And, though the book is to be a college, and not a university, affair, S. Hilda's will not be forgotten. Already there have been copies enough bespoken in College to make it seem highly probable that there will be no difficulty in making the publication a success in every way. At an early date the committee