

O'Sullivan, Kirby and Drummond. The match resulted in a victory for the Britannia, by 22 to 0. The match was noticeable more than any other in the year for the large amount of drop-kicking, in which Hamilton and Brown showed well up. The loss of Wroughton was severely felt in this match, and though the new men, Kirby especially, played splendidly, they could not make up for the absence.

The season closed with a match against University College, Toronto. Our team was the same as that which played the Britannia (*sic*), with the change of Kemp and McDonnell for Kingston and Drummond. The match took place on the Varsity grounds and was remarkable for an almost continuous series of scrimmages, in which the Torontos gained ground by sheer strength, and finally won by 17 to 1. May's playing on the left wing of the McGill team, backed up by remarkable fine tackling and kicking by Reid at half back, was conspicuous through the match. A slight accident occurred during the match—Springle breaking one of his fingers; but he played gamely to the end without mentioning it.

During the season the 2nd fifteen under C. Swabey played three matches, losing two to the Britannias by 39 to 0 and 24 to 0, and beating the Montreal second by 4 to 0. The playing of Walker, and Swabey was the strength of the team, but they were well backed up by the remainder.

The other side matches were those of the freshmen, who played three matches, beating the High School by 24 to 0, and playing the 3rd Britannia twice, with a draw the first time and victory by 56 to 0 the second.

Another noticeable event during the year was a series of matches for the championship of the University between the faculties, resulting in a victory for Science, which defeated Arts by 24 to 0 and Medicine by 36 to 0 and by 8 to 0. The interest in these was heightened by the talk about a championship cup for which a subscription was started, but which did not receive the monetary support which it should have had.

The annual meeting was held on the 17th of December, and was a marked contrast to the previous year, some 50 members being present in the place of 12.

The results of this year have shown the need of more regular practice, energetic support especially in men from the various faculties, and the necessity of being ready to commence work at the start of the season.

As only some three of the team which went up to Toronto are leaving this year, and as there are signs of a re-awakening football spirit in the faculties, Medicine especially, we may look forward to a good season for McGill next year, and since the amalgamation of the various sporting clubs we have hope of a stronger sporting spirit in the college.

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Captain McG. F.B.C.

March 23rd, 1886.

We have sweet girl graduates, but the sweet dudes seldom get farther along than the Freshman year.

## College World.

Robert Browning, the poet, now lives in Venice.

Since Nov. 1st, 1885, the purchase, sale and exportation of edelweiss has been prohibited by the Council of the Canton of Uri under penalty of 100 francs, in order to prevent complete extermination of the plant.

We copy this paragraph from Bow Bells of 1875: "The city of Winnipeg, in the United States (*sic*), boasts as an evidence of its growth 'that it has been found necessary to obtain a larger cemetery than the one now available.'"

The students of University College, Toronto, in mass meeting assembled, demanded a better equipped library, the abolition of the scholarships and medals recently restored by the college council, and the appointment of a lecturer in political economy.

The body of the first Napoleon, buried at the Invalides in Paris, is inclosed in five coffins—the first in tin, and the others in mahogany, lead, ebony and oak. All is placed in a sarcophagus of Finland granite—a present from Russia. The tomb was completed in 1861, and cost 6,750,000 francs.

The late Water Weldon, who was here with the British Association, was one of the five men and the only man outside of France, deemed by the French Société d'Encouragement worthy to receive its "grand medal." It was he who invented the process by which bleaching powder is made, thus, as the chemist Dumas said, cheapening every sheet of paper and every yard of calico in the world.

Some of the most popular songs of the day are very ancient. "Sing a Song of Sixpence" is as old as the sixteenth century. "Three Blind Mice" is found in a music book dated 1609. "Three Children Sliding on the Ice" dates 1633. "The Frog and the Mouse" was licensed 1580. "London Bridge is Broken down" is of unfathomed antiquity. "Girls and Boys, Come Out to Play" is certainly as old as the reign of Charles II; as is also "Lucy Locket Lost Her Pocket," to the tune of which the American song of "Yankee Doodle" was written. "Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, Where Have You Been?" is of the age of Queen Bess. "Little Jack Horner" is older than the seventeenth century.—

It is perfectly well known to experienced engineers that if a dozen different locomotive engines were made at the same time, of the same power, for the same purpose, of like materials, in the same factory, each would come out with its own peculiar whims and ways, only ascertainable by experience. One engine will take a great meal of coal and water at once; another will not listen to such a thing, but insists on being coaxed by shovelfuls and bucketfuls. One is disposed to start off when required at the top of its speed; another must have a little time to warm at its work and to get well into it. These peculiarities are so accurately mastered by skilful drivers that only particular men can persuade engines to do their best. It would seem as if some of these "excellent monsters" declared, on being brought from the stable, "If it's Smith who is to drive, I won't go; if it's my friend