

CUBAN WAR JUSTIFIABLE.

The Question Settled in Debate at the Varsity Lit. Friday Evening.

The second meeting of the Varsity Lit Friday evening, was not less enthusiastic than the one of the previous week, and besides a very entertaining program, a warmly contested debate was held. Mr. Patterson opened the business end of the meeting by reading treasurer McKay's report for last year's finances. The statement showed that the Lit's coffers were unusually well filled and consequently it was received in a very cordial manner. Eric Armour stated that members of the society who had not paid their fees in any previous year, and who desired to become some day life members of the society, could pay such back fees this term. If the aforesaid fee were paid before Christmas, the amount would be but one dollar.

Mr. Patterson gave a report of the Inter-collegiate Debating Union meet of the 24th ult., and in a very able speech pointed out many reasons why Varsity should devote considerable attention and time to the union. Upon motion of vice-president John McKay, the meeting heartily endorsed the formation of the union. Dr. Wickett, who has been one of the prime movers in this institution, was unanimously chosen as Varsity representative to the meeting to be held in Students' Union, Wednesday evening. John McKay moved, F. E. Brown seconded, a motion to the effect that a committee be appointed by the society's executive to arrange for a university dinner. That this motion had the sympathy of every man present was manifested by the burst of applause which greeted it.

A communication was read from Queens' University by Mr. Patterson, which invited the society to arrange for a debate with that school during the coming winter. An endeavor will be made to carry out the project.

The elections for first year representatives on the Editorial and Business Board of *The Varsity* were then held. Messrs. J. P. McGregor and J. W. Cunningham were the candidates nominated for the Business Board and Messrs. R. B. Fudger and W. C. Bray for the Editorial Board. Messrs. McGregor and Fudger were elected. F. E. Brown moved that a committee of six be appointed to form a chorus to take part in the meetings of the society. This is another of the steps which the present executive is introducing and it ought to prove a great success.

The business portion of the meeting concluded, Mr. W. C. Klotz placed everybody in a pleasant mood by rendering a pleasing piano solo. Kipling was next introduced by Mr. E. Howe, who recited a selection from *Barrack's Ballads*. This was exceedingly well done and so amused the audience that Mr. Howe was recalled.

The debate for the evening, which was between the philosophers and the economists of the college, then followed. Messrs. H. W. McLean, '99, and A. N. Mitchell, '00, represented the Political Science Department, and Messrs. R. D. McAlpine and S. T. Martin the Philosophers. Whether the United States had a right to interfere with Cuba as they did, was the question, and it was well debated.

Mr. McLean, who is one of the youngest, if not really the youngest, member of the senior year, opened for the affirmative, and in a clear and well prepared speech, gave a brief history of Cuba and its struggle under the rule of its mother country. He also gave an outline of the policy of the States in the war, and claimed that they had a perfect right to interfere when a country is so terribly and inhumanly oppressed as Cuba was. Mr. McAlpine then took up the issue for the negative side, and in the best speech of the evening, endeavored to prove that the United States was not led to act as they did through humanitarianism, but solely for the purpose of securing Cuba. Throughout his whole speech Mr. McAlpine displayed a wide knowledge of the subject, and by the life and earnestness which accompanied his arguments, again proved that Knox is really the place where the orators come from.

Mr. Mitchell solidified Mr. McLean's arguments for the affirmative and took up more particularly the "as they did" part of the question, which was seriously objected to by the speaker for the negative. This was Mr. Mitchell's debut at the Lit and he most assuredly did well. In concluding for the negative Mr. Martin very carefully revised the arguments of the previous speakers and presented a number of facts in favor of his side which made the debate very difficult to decide. Mr. McLean, the leader of affirmative, utilized his five minutes for reply with good results. In summing up Dr. Wickett reviewed the question in an interesting manner and mentioned several important points which the speakers had overlooked. He decided the question in favor of the affirmative side.

At the meeting next Friday evening the following will be the program:—Piano solo, E. D. Carder; recitation, J. Gibson; violin

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solo, W. W. Beardmore; debate—resolved, "That recent developments proved the superiority of Russian over British diplomacy." The affirmative side will be R. G. Hunter and C. U. Dymont, of the classical department, and the negative W. Rea and R. M. Millman, of the modern language department.

Representatives from the first year for the Lit executive will also be elected at this meeting. The following are the nominations:—E. R. Patterson, R. J. Hamilton and J. C. McIntosh.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE

Mr. T. J. Shannon, who has been attending Wycliffe College for one year, has decided to give up his studies for a time and is now doing mission work at Essonville. Mr. Shannon, during his short time in residence, won for himself many friends whose good wishes will follow him wherever he may go.

A very unusual occurrence took place in Wycliffe last Wednesday, when the Rev. Arthur Gadd, a graduate of '96, treated the students to an oyster supper. It is needless to say that the boys enjoyed the treat and many are hoping that other graduates will follow this example. Mr. Gadd left the college on Friday to take charge of the parish of Gore's Landing.

The Rev. Dyson Hague, M.A., did not lecture on Friday last as he was one of the speakers at the Huron Lay Helpers Association, which met at Sarnia on Oct. 27th and 28th.

The Rev. A. W. S. Garden, of Texas, visited the college last Thursday.

The Rev. G. P. Bentley expects shortly to go to New Orleans to fill an important curacy in that city. His many friends in Wycliffe are pleased to learn of his success.

An interesting and exciting football match was played last Tuesday between the men on the upper and lower flats. The Rev. Dyson Hague, the hon. president of the club, was present and opened the game by giving the ball the first kick. The match, which was closely contested, resulted in a victory for the lower flat by two goals to one.

At the last meeting of the Literary and Theological Society it was decided to hold an "At Home" in the near future. A committee consisting of Messrs. Howland, Hiltz, Bourne, Wilson and Perkins were appointed to look after the matter.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE.

Rev. W. McCann and M. D. Whelan, '92, took dinner at the College Thursday last.

Master Dooley was obliged to go to the infirmary on account of a severe cold.

H. Sheridan is now nursing a badly bruised ankle, received in last Friday's Association football game between Toronto Junction High School and the College.

D. H. Fitzgerald, Scranton, Pa., registered as a student of the College last week, and is taking up second Latin.

Mr. Ed. Anglin, who is at St. Michael's Hospital, and who was very low at one time, is now slightly improved. He was able to drive up to the College during the week.

Mr. D. Regan, of the Philosophic Department, who was obliged to quit the football field while training for the Varsity games, will re-enter the game again Saturday.

Cryne, one of the most able quarter-backs the college has ever seen, says there is no life in the game here. One would think so from the effects of a recent practice.

It has been rumored that the secret of the team's failure to score properly lies in the neglect of the football crop. This being the case, Freddie ought to go on the forward line.

Every man for himself, seems to be the motto of our football players.

Bruce Callaghan, Gloucester St., is able to be around again, after four weeks' illness.

Mr. C. L. McKae, Prefect of discipline at St. Nicholas' Home, was indisposed last week.

Rev. Fr. Cushing, president of L'Assumption College, Sandwich, and Rev. Fr. Gran-tier, of Owen Sound, who returned from abroad Monday, spent the afternoon at the College.

It is very probable that Duffy, now playing on the wing, will play quarter in the last half of Saturday's Rugby match.

ST. MICHAEL'S VS. TORONTO JUNCTION.

St. Michael's asserted their strength in the Intermediate when they defeated Toronto Junction to the tune of two goals to nothing. The score was not altogether indicative of what it might have been with a few days of harder practice. As it was St. Michael's played a good game all through, with the exception of their scoring. The wings, especially Duggan and Snider at left, showed considerable speed but lacked that scoring ability which could have left the result, at least, eight goals better. This, however, was not altogether S. M. C.'s fault, for the Junctions certainly play a strong game. Their defence proved of great value to them on several occasions. For the winners the particularly bright stars were Sheridan at half, Collins in goal, and Snider and Duggan at left. Sheridan is young but he possesses the head and staying powers of a veteran footballer. Hart at centre is the right man in the right position. Watch our combination in our next match, which will be with Pharmacy on Wednesday.

On, boys, on, the Intermediate is ours. We are entered to win, and win we must. The practices are regularly held at one

o'clock every day. There is yet room for first class men who will turn out and are willing to play the game.

The Business College Department established by Mr. J. Ernest Pageau is doing good work. All the commercial subjects are being taught as they never were before. The class consists of about seventeen pupils so far, but there is room for many more who are anxious to study the mercantile branches. A complete business system is established, including banking, shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping, commercial law and arithmetic.

The Argonaut's Rugby football team will battle with St. Michael's on the College Campus Saturday afternoon, at 3:45 o'clock. The following is the line-up: full back, Snider; halves, Sheridan, Walsh, Pickett; quarter, Cryne; scrumage, E. & L. Staley, Hayes, Mingo, McKenna, Gibbons, Rowan, Lupp, Collins, Duffy, McCarthy.

Never before on a similar occasion did the faculty and students witness such an interesting programme as that given by the Dramatic Society, Wednesday evg., in College Study Hall. The musical portion of the programme under the clever direction of Father Murray, eclipsed all former efforts in that line, while the dramatic contributions under the careful tutelage of Rev. O'Neil, played no mean part in the successful completion of the entertainment.

Mr. Wm. Torpy made his debut on this occasion in the capacity of chairman, and was exceedingly eloquent. His beautifully worded sentences were especially marked for their rotundity and periodicity. The impression which he made upon the audience shall not soon be blotted out. The following is the programme.

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL.	
Solo, "Kings of the Road".....	J. J. Costello
Solo, "We'll Meet Again".....	F. McCarthy
Comic Chorus, McCarthy, Mulligan, Campbell, Carton, Heart and Sheridan	
Solo, Violin, "Air Varié".....	L. Staley
Solo, "The Old Fashioned Mother".....	L. Hopp
Opening Chorus of Pivates.....	College Glee Club
Trilo, "A Little Farm Well Filled".....	J. Costello, M. Costello, Geo. Doherty
Solo, "The Clang of the Forge".....	Mr. A. Savage
Solo, "Killarney".....	M. Costello
DRAMATIC.	
Recitation and Reading.....	Mr. Kirkpatrick
Reading.....	J. E. Lynott
Recitation.....	P. J. Donovan
Recitation.....	J. Mulligan
Comic Dialogue.....	P. Heart and A. P. Campbell
Congratulatory Remarks.....	Dr. J. R. Teffy

FOOTBALL IN CANADA.

Some Undesirable Tendencies Which Should be Remedied.

Football in Canada at the present day is fast losing the high position which it has held and ought to hold in the world of athletics. Occupying, as it does, a position peculiar to itself, it is, on account of its roughness, open to foul and brutal play. The game is necessarily rough, but roughness does not include fighting, hacking or kicking. This is brutality, and must be eliminated from the game.

In foot-ball, fairness of play depends on two factors, the players and the officials. The players should have the interests of the game so much at heart that they neither introduce nor tolerate any semblance of foul or unfair playing. Since this spirit is not general among players the only preventive lies in the hands of the referee and umpire.

But the referee seems to feel that his attention should be directed only to the fine points of the game; the umpire, that his whole duty is to watch off-side play, and they are unable or unwilling to look round for foul play and check it—what they do observe they are lax in punishing.

The rules are obsolete and not up to date, and the games are played according to a code of rules often directly contrary to the official rules, but which have developed with the game and become recognized.

Rule 16 reads, "no player shall hold with his hands or arms an opponent who has not the ball." This rule is continually broken. "Mark your man," means to-day "hold your man," and in direct opposition to the rules, this has become one of the points of the game that every tyro must learn. This principle, "hold your man," is responsible for much of the fighting on the field, and incompetent officials have allowed these disgraceful exhibitions to proceed unchecked.

Scrapping is contagious. For when no penalty is inflicted on an unfair player for his work, many an opponent thinks his only remedy is to take "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Interference is proscribed by the rules, but to prevent it is almost impossible. Rule 10, paragraph 3, reads "If a player being off-side on the field, or in touch, obstructs or annoys an opponent, the opposite side shall have a free kick." This rule, if enforced, would seriously interfere with the progress of the game. When the ball is passed to the half backs by the quarter, all the wing men are off-side, and it is impossible to avoid interference. This rule is continually disregarded, and brings disrespect on the other rules as well. With some rules enforced and some not it is hard for the officials to draw the line. The players appreciate this point, and take advantage of the officials; instead of every player trying to uphold the game and the officials, every one of the thirty players does his best to beat the referee and umpire. What improvement can be made? The rules can be so amended that the letter of the rule will exactly represent the spirit of the rule, and the rules can then be enforced in their entirety.

Many valuable suggestions can be found in the American College rules.

While foul and unfair play must be checked at any cost, interference must necessarily take place in some cases. Why not legalize it where it is unavoidable? Of

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course interference should not be allowed where a wing man deliberately gets in front of an opponent to protect his own half-back; nor where the scrimmage goes over the ball and the quarter follows up. This deliberate off-side interference on the part of the scrimmage men is, of course penalized by the rules at present.

"Hold your man," is one of the principles of the game, as now played by the wings. Would it not be well to incorporate into the Canadian rules Rule 17 of the American Association.

"(a) Before the ball is put in play no "player shall lay his hands upon, or by the "use of his hands or arms, interfere with an "opponent in such a way as to delay putting "the ball in play. (c) After the ball is put "in play the players of the side that have "possession of the ball may obstruct their "opponents with the body only, except the "player running with the ball who may use "his hands and arms. (c) The players of "the side not having the ball may use their "hands and arms, but only to get their "opponents out of the way in order to reach "the player carrying it."

In order to better enforce the rules, might not penalties for their infringement be inflicted on the team as a whole, as well as on the individual player? This might consist in loss of possession of the ball, or loss of, say five or ten yards. In this event, the team would take good care to prevent violations of the rules. The referee, umpire and touch line judges might co-operate in some way to penalize any foul and unfair play. The offender might be ruled off for a few minutes, a day, a week, or a season, according to the seriousness or persistency of his offence.

To official mismanagement, as much as to the present unsatisfactory state of the game, was due the rupture between the O.R.F.U. and the four senior clubs. Let representatives be sent to the O.R.F.U. who are actual players and have the interests of the game at heart. It is hoped that these suggestions may be useful in provoking discussion so that representatives may come to the annual meeting with crystallized ideas of the modifications necessary for the improvement and advancement of the game.

GREAT NIGHT AT THE MED SCHOOL.

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risibles, and it was feared a second time that the learned doctors present would be called upon to administer restoratives. No lives were lost, however, and the play proceeded. The opening chorus was truly operatic, and reminded one of the classic "Rob Roy." Mr. Pirie followed with a jolly ballad, "Jolly Jack," which was appreciated. Then followed one of the gems of the show, a parody on "The Blow it near Killed Father," composed by Mr. H. S. Hutchison, rendered in a masterly manner by Mr. Begg. Mr. Hutchison, although not visible to the naked eye, was omnipresent through the medium of his song, in which he bids fair to outrival the bright stars of the comic firmament. The hits were all good, and were illustrated through the lime-light medium. An interesting diversion was the rendering of a solo by "Stub," who worked such marvels upon a one-stringed Chinese banjo, that the echo of his dulcet notes could be heard long after he had ceased to play. Mr. White then made his appearance as a swell nigger, and walked all around the platform chanting in a frenzied tone, the song "Syncopated Sandy." The next number, "Get Your Money's Worth," of which everybody has heard through the fame of the inimitable "Doodles," was the climax of the entertainment. Mr. Doodles, who appeared as the male prima donna of his company, sang his ditty, in which he was supported by his chorus. It was a veritable "song and dance," and one could not but feel that so long as Doodles and his followers are on the boards, such resorts as the "Midway" are superfluous. Everybody went wild, and in the midst of the storm of applause Doodles was saluted with a heterogeneous bouquet of carrots, beets, etc. The world-renowned Prof. MacCallum's "Light and Dim Band" then favored the company with the familiar air; "On the Banks of the Wabash," which was well received. Prof. MacCallum is to be congratulated upon his judgment in the selection of such a talented aggregation of artists.

The grand finale of this most successful entertainment was the rendering of "Company B" by the Black Brigade, who took on a fierce military aspect by donning Q.O.R. forage caps. When the song was fairly under way the redoubtable colonel, "Stub" Smith, pranced in on his mettlesome steed,

whose ludicrous curvettings bade fair to put the audience into hysterics. That horse ought to fetch a good price from the licensed victuallers and distillers of this province, for he had cultivated a brandy blossom which would have put to shame the accumulated ditty of all the toppers combined. It is to be hoped that for the credit of the school he was not nurtured within its precincts. No sooner had the applause subsided than the Dean of the Faculty was observed in the wings, whereupon he was greeted with a rousing tiger and the anthem "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Dr. Reeves goodnaturedly complied with the demand for a speech. He congratulated the school upon their success and ability in producing such a first-class entertainment, and expressed the fear lest they should in consequence be tempted to stray into by-paths. It was, however, a boast of the profession that medical men were men of varied attainments, which boast was attested to by the entertainment provided. He thought there was no necessity for going to what were considered more classical quarters, as had been the custom in the past, and congratulated them upon the inauguration of this new way of spending Hallowe'en. The doctor then signified his desire to contribute to the programme by a reading upon the psychical relations of Play. At the close of the doctor's reading Mr. Dean proposed a vote of thanks and three cheers, which were heartily given. This part of the entertainment being concluded the company repaired to one of the lecture rooms downstairs, where Dr. Reeve's generosity had provided a repast of sandwiches, coffee, cakes and apples. There social converse was indulged in until the school took possession of the city with the firm conviction that they had improved the opportunity and spent one of the most pleasant Hallowe'ens.

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