

COLLEGE SPORTS.

THE COLOUBR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

The morning of our departure for Coloubr promised fulfilment of our wishes for fine weather during the tournament; and each member of our party turned up at the Union Station with spirits heightened by the bracingness of the atmosphere. Our numbers, with their respective duties, were: James McDougall, captain and forward; A. Carruthers, A. Broadfoot, backs; A. Haig, W. Laird-law, half-backs; P. Lee, goal. C. Macgillivray, G. Richardson, T. C. Milligan, B. McEachern, forwards; J. A. McAndrew, H. B. Wright, spare men. At the station we joined the teams of Knox College, Trinity Medical School and Toronto Medical School, and the train took away altogether about sixty footballers.

At Port Hope we were joined by F. W. Haultain, B.A., who came to take his old place on the team, making the complement of the forwards. At Coloubr the visitors were met by a large number of 'Vics,' who received us heartily, and falling in with us, marched through the town to the strains of 'O'Grimes' 'Vive la Compagnie,' etc. A pretty blue badge, worn by our men, bearing the arms of the college and an inscription, gave rise on all sides to the remark, 'You are from University College,' and some one was so irreverently wicked to suggest that the Knox and Medical men needed no such distinguishing mark. However, the medals, which were all containing the old badges printed, and Knox followed the example.

The men were quartered in their hotels in town, and the general question was 'who plays first?' The captains of the different teams met to settle this all-important question, and the result of the draw declared the first to be played between the Toronto Medicals and the Victorias, and the second between the Trinity Medicals and our own team. After lunch all repaired to the Agricultural Grounds where the games were to be played, and not till then was it discovered how unfavorable the weather was. A very strong, bitterly cold wind was blowing from the north-west, and though the flags were placed in such a position that neither side should have the advantage, there were many foredoings as to the result of the tournament. The play, to score a goal at all, it was seen, should be to the windward side of the goal posts, but, to keep the ball there, was next to an impossibility, for, if it was in the air, it would blow past the centre of the field; and, if on the ground, which sloped from the windward side, it would roll so fast, assisted by the wind, from a slight kick, that a runner could scarcely keep up to it.

However, play was called between the Victorias and Toronto Medicals, and the teams turned out. The Victorias wore dresses in a very pretty suit of scarlet and navy blue, but the Medicals costumes could certainly have been improved. The play in this game was decidedly in favor of the Medicals throughout. The play of the Victorias seemed to lack all purpose and spirit, while some very creditable passing was done by their opponents. However, no goal was scored on either side.

At four o'clock the game between our team and the Trinity Medicals began, and this, too, resulted in a draw, neither side having scored a goal when time was called. It was agreed to play half an hour longer on the following day, and the ball was kicked off on Friday morning at ten o'clock. Our team played with spirit and precision, carrying the ball to the windward side, and repeatedly endangering the medical fortress. At last, a minute or two before time, Haig made a brilliant run down field, and drew around him a swarm of opponents. Our forwards were also there, and Richardson cleverly passed the ball in past a goal to McGillivray, who ran down to it and kicked through. The Medicals claimed 'off side,' and the referee, after some consideration, closed the protest. There was much dissatisfaction at his decision among the spectators, many of whom were foot-ball players,

but the contestants preserved the good feeling which was observable throughout the tournament. For our College the playing of Haultain was the subject of admiration; his coolness enabling him to accomplish what would be impossibilities to an excitable player. He repeatedly carried the ball down the field through a crowd of opponents, Richardson, McGillivray, Haig, Carruthers and Broadfoot also played well, and the ease with which Lee could outstrip all his opponents in a race for the ball was often remarked. The team, as a whole, is far ahead of its old form, and will yet do some very creditable work.

The costume of the Trinity Medicals was very picturesque. Their colors are the same as ours, but, fortunately, they have adopted a crest we will never imitate. It consists of a skull and cross-bones, embossed on the breast of the Jersey! This had the effect of somewhat terrifying our men at first, but they soon acquired sufficient courage to enable them to approach these visitants to the shades, whose motto was 'Death or Victory!'

The Trinity College School from Port Hope, and the Trinity College, Toronto, next played a game of Rugby, and the tumbling, etc., incidental to that game, excited much amusement among the spectators, who had not before witnessed an exhibition of these rules. This match resulted in favor of the School by one touchdown, but the College raised objection to the 'knocking on' and 'off side' playing of the boys.

At night a game was played in what was proposed to be the electric light, but we imagine that if Edison had been around he would have been much disgusted—as much so as the players. The teams were composed of an eleven of Knox and University men against eleven Medicals, and the game resulted in favor of the Medicals by one goal.

In the afternoon a game was played between the Victorias and Knox College, but this resulted in a draw, and so the trophy remains unowned by any of the contesting teams. There is some talk, however, of playing the tie off in Toronto, and then having the Victorias' team come up here to play the winners. This is a very practical scheme, for all the visitant teams were from Toronto.

On the first night of our visit a promenade concert was held in Victoria Hall. The Victorias were extremely kind in introducing all aspirants for ladies' favors, but our men were somewhat handicapped by the appearance of the Knox men in full dress, etc. However, some of us went to our hotel and donned our Jerseys, and made our appearance with better hopes of success. The concert was thoroughly enjoyed by every visitant member of football teams, and we all, severally and collectively, have to thank the Victorias for their kind attentions, and the ladies for—well, who shall say the manner in which we played the second day was not owing to the lingering influences of the night before? And does not the same question apply to the Medicals?

Our College was well represented in music and elocution. Mr. Wright gave a song, which was well received; Mr. Laird-law, a recitation in the humorous vein, which was heartily encored; and Mr. J. A. MacLean, of the Knox team, recited 'The Execution of Montrose' in a stirring manner. The Victoria team sang a football chorus, which was much appreciated by players; and there were some general choruses, in which the members of different clubs took part. Our party, certainly, came away from the hall with the conviction that the Victorias were jolly good fellows, and that the young ladies of Coloubr are fond of jolly good fellows.

Our party were glad to see the genial face of R. B. Cummings, B. A., among the visitors on the second day, his old love for the game having led him from his duties at Brockville.

The dinner held on Friday night at Faraday Hall was a success. The caterers were the ladies of the town, and an elegant spread was laid. Some of the Medicals were heard to express dissatisfaction

at the 'dryness' of the affair. The usual toasts were heartily drunk, and to that of 'Our Guests,' the captains of the different teams responded. The Queen's College team sent their captain to represent them, and express their regret at not having been able to send a team, a regret which was deepened by the result of the tie. To the toast 'The Bess,' Mr. Huff, editor of *The World*, and Mr. Mudge, editor-in-chief of *Ad Victoriana*, responded. Mr. Laird-law made the acknowledgments of THE WHITE AND BLUE. S. C. Smoke, B. A., with all his old chivalrous eloquence, found a fitting subject in the response to the toast 'The Ladies.'

The games on Saturday concluded the programme. The grounds are not at all favourable for good records, but Mr. Lee's will bear comparison with that of the best athletes. He carried off first prize in (1) quarter-mile race, (2) 220 yards race, 25 seconds; (3) 150 yards race, (4) half-mile race, 2.25. All these were run on hilly ground, so hard that spikes could not be used. Mr. McEachern was second in the quarter with Milligan a foot behind, and Haig came next to Lee in the 220 yards. The prizes were presented by Miss Nelles in Alumni Hall, and this act concluded the lengthy programme, which, from the beginning, had been so ably carried out by the Victorias, with an eye solely to our comfort and pleasure. We left by the night train with the remaining Medicals and Knox men, carrying with us the best wishes of the Victorias, who came to see us off, and cheered till we were almost deaf.

WHAT THE DETROIT 'FREE PRESS' THINKS OF THE GAME.

Football is a great and noble game, and many a notable feat could be recorded in giving its history. Yet it is a game that is very much neglected in this country, although this might not be thought, judging from the amount of kicking done at medical conventions, base ball matches and other places. There is a wild hilarity about a game of football that is felt nowhere else except on the field of battle. The tumultuous rush, the vigorous leg exercise, with heel and toe accompaniment, the struggle around the ball, the pleasure of being kicked in a dozen places at one time, form an exciting episode that must be seen—and felt—to be appreciated. If you have an enemy get him to play foot-ball. Then you can have the pleasure of kicking him to the extent, accidentally—without fear of being called on to fight a duel in consequence. Toronto, the home of the University men who played with the Ann Arbor students on Saturday, is perhaps the chief football city in America. The University boys are wild over it. The Normal School fellows kick the festive ball around the yard that environs that institution. The Collegiate Instructors swing a deft and skillful boot. The wild aborigines of that ancient institution, Upper Canada College, chase the rolling globe with more eagerness than they do the bubble reputation. The clerical students of Trinity College and Knox College, gravely and methodically give the ball some severe Knox. The medical and other students in that educational city kick up a ball with the same ease and enjoyment that they kick up a row. The newspaper reporters of Toronto dearly love the foot-ball students, as they furnish so many interesting items. Four or five years ago a normal school student kicked so hard that he broke his own leg. This was a pleasant item for the boys. Again, when one of the University fellows kicked off one of his boots, which went through a second story window and almost killed a professor, there was great rejoicing among newspaper circles. It is to be hoped foot-ball will be permanently established in Detroit. The boys may count on the unanimous support of the press of this city in giving the game a home here.

FOOTBALL.—The tie for the Association Cup between our college and the Toronto Medicals will be played some day next week.