

all, play the Association Rules, and during the season which we may now call closed some splendid games, largely by college clubs, have been played under these rules. Victoria, University College, Trinity and the Toronto Medical School have engaged in much pleasant inter-collegiate intercourse through the medium of these matches, while Queen's has been out in the cold from no fault but her own. Now, we recommend our foot-ball authorities to make an effort to change this state of affairs. It is worth the while of all students who are in any way lovers of the game. Matches are not the end and aim of a College foot-ball club, but they stand highest among the best means for developing it and exciting an interest in it and the game, for which it exists.

ACCORDING to tradition the time will soon be come when it will be in order for all parties to turn over a new leaf, or at least to resolve to do so. Now we suggest that the Reading Room Committee carefully consider whether it would not be well for them to take advantage of the abundant opportunity to reform presented by the Room under their care. In this case they and they only can turn over a new leaf, speaking literally, for it would be harder for an ordinary student to find the last new paper or periodical amid the mass of journalistic rubbish that is festooned round the chairs, tables and floor, than it would be for a Freshman who has been seeking the only bright and particular morning star of his youth to find a loophole of escape from the argus eyes of the *Concursus Iniquitatis*. We admit that the space is limited and that the room is used as a general rendezvous for students when not occupied with classes, but we think that a slight effort, at least ought to be made, if for no other reason than to be in practice when next session a larger room, which will not also be a loung-

ing room, is provided in the new building for the students. Come, friends, brace up and have some style about you and do not add one more to the list of practical proofs of what is being considered a recognized fact, that when you don't want a thing done appoint a committee to do it.

IT may perhaps be considered a strong sign of want of originality to wish our readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, but in the fulness of our joy at having closed the first half of our journalistic experience and of having ahead the prospect of a month's freedom from literary cares, we do so with all that sincerity which so strongly distinguishes the editor. Vacation is seldom a disagreeable period—except to the Sophomore who finds himself debarred during that period from the company of his beloved Freshie—and the Christmas vacation especially is one that is looked forward to with feelings of special delight. Visions of sleigh drives, turkeys, snow shoes, cousins, skates, evening parties and various other comestibles haunt the mind, and most effectually prevent the examinations (which precede these attractive weeks, on the principle, we suppose, that the darkest hour is just before the dawn) from having their usual deleterious effect on our health, which is in one sense rather to be regretted, for our friends do not receive the impression they should as to the exhaustive efforts we are making to improve our inner man, though if they had a due appreciation of the importance of analogical reasoning, they might judge of our efforts in that direction at college by the efforts we make at home at the festive dinners. Some of our student readers however will, for different reasons, be compelled to pass their vacation at their boarding houses; to these especially we send our greeting and hope that in spite of being away from home they may have all