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SPORT

The School, ever progressive, is the first of our Colleges to put into practice an idea that has long been mor or less prevalent about the University. That is, the getting of men into active sport who have not so far taken part in it. The School deserves the thanks of every true sportsman in the University, for organizing as they did the inter-year rugby matches for those who have never played.

Someone said somewhere, at some time or other, that he would rather see bad rugby played at his University than good; because, reasons the ingenious gentleman, bad rugby is a pretty sure sign that everybody, no matter how good-or bad- is having a try at it, while good rugby indicates that the game is left to a few. We do not answer for the reasoning; but the idea is good. It is well known that a man has to know "above a bit" to have a show of making any of the three Varsity teams. The College teams, entered in the Mulock Cup Series, also showed form that practically excludes any that do not know the game. There are about fifteen teams all told playing rugby here; allow twenty men per team-the outside limit-and you have 300 men playing rugby. About one in ten, of the men at 'Varsity. Soccer does not make up to that number; but if it did, that would leave four-fifths of the undergraduates, easily 2000 men, who take part in no vigourous out-door exercise in the fall. In winter it is far worse there are not nearly as many men playing hockey as there are playing rugby or soccer. In the spring, a few lacrosse enthusiasts and the perennial soccerites are our sole campus decorations. The devotees of the track, faithfully working Fall and Spring, are a comparatively small band. Add to this, that not a few men take part in all out-door athletics. There must be at least 2000 men, Fall, Winter and Spring, who take no part in out-door athletics.

We cannot help thinking that if all our Colleges were to follow the example of S.P.S., with not one but many teams in each year, that this enormous number would be greatly diminished. We realize of course that campus accommodation is inadequate. There are only five University fields; Trinity is lucky in having playing-fields of their own; there is not room for more than twelve teams all told. But if a real effort to get everyone playing were to be made, it is possible that more

space might be obtained.

As usual, suggestions on this subject are welcome; but we are sure that the undergraduate body is with us in saying that the present system, which is to a certain extent fourteen men playing, and the rest looking on, needs change. Everyone who is physically fit should get into one or other outdoor game, and some sort of organization is necessary to get the thing started. Someone who knows more of athletic organizations and their working than we do will have to supply the details; but we are sure the idea is good, and hope it will be taken up.

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NEXT YEAR'S RUGBY

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir:-It may appear early to offer suggestions for the management of the Rugby matches for the year 1912, but if not done now the matter may escape my memory till it is too late for consideration, and on this account I crave a little of your space.

Although we have, this year, obtained an athletic ground which for accommodation, is second to none in this country, it has already become evident that the demand for seats at the Intercollegiate matches is likely to overtax its resources, and if the demand is so great, is not the Athletic Association justified in increasing its annual income by an increase in the cost of admission?

I quite recognise that the Students should be given certain privileges and would provide for this by allowing every registered student to subscribe for one season ticket at \$2.50. For every additional season ticket required the charge should be \$3.00. All others should pay the regular fee of \$3.00.

Again, if every season ticket is numbered and issued in accordance with priority of application, it would save endless trouble in the allotment of seats; as the person subscribing for the first season ticket would have priority in choice of seats over those who arrive at the last moment with their applications.

These suggestions are not offered in criticism of the methods adopted this year, but rather to assist the Executive in eliminating some of the complaints that have been made, and at the same time to bring forward a scheme for the increase of the Association's Annual In-

> Yours faithfully, "A SEASON TICKET HOLDER."

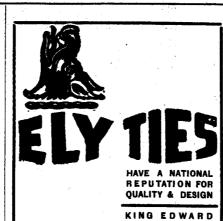
ONLOOKER'S CORNER

THE COMMITTEE MAN.

Some people just naturally drift into office, others achieve office, but your true committee man has office thrust upon him—about seventeen times a year. The vulgar publicity that is an inevitable part of executive work is peculiarly disagreeable to him but he is a noble martyr and the clarion call of duty finds him ever ready to bow his neck to the yoke and immolate himself on the altar of stern necessity. [The Editor says that that Metaphor is worse than mixed, it is scrambled and as we have it on good Wall Street authority that an egg can not be unscrambled we will have it as it is.]

The committee man is a strenuous individual. He has a loud voice and hei s always in a hurry. No one has ever seen a committee man actually engaged in executive work. You may hear his footsteps as he approaches and you may see his flapping coat tail as he rounds a distant corner but that is all and you are fortunate if you have seen as much for he is usually enveloped in a cloud of dust.

There is another name for the Committee Man, he is sometimes seen in the role of The Man Who is Always on the Inside. You have often asked a man if he has obtained his rooter's ticket or his term marks or some such thing in general demand around the University. Weren't



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Whilst the College is organized on a strictly military basis the cadets receive a practical and scientific training in subjects essential to a sound

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