

enough to qualify for places on the team. And while all possible encouragement is to be given to athletics in general, there is a danger that those who make athletics their specialty may overdo it, just as those who make a specialty of study are apt to study too much.

Of course a strict eligibility rule may tend to lower the standard of hockey and football played in the Intercollegiate series. In the past, when any one who would pay his registration fee, or who could get some one to pay it for him, was eligible for a place on a College team, we had a football team that won the Canadian championship. It will be hard under the present rules—though it should not be impossible—to get another such team. In hockey also the standard is down, yet the hockey standard in all the leagues is low this year, and our College teams are not playing any poorer hockey than the provincial league senior teams. At any rate the hockey played in the Intercollegiate league is a very fair sample of hockey, and we are all the more proud of our teams when we think that all the players are genuine students.

Ottawa College has asked to join on condition that she may play on her football team seven non-students, but that condition was not agreed to by the Colleges already in the league. Why Ottawa College should ask for this discrimination in her favour we fail to see. We cannot speak for the other Colleges, but in Queen's at least we have had a football team and a hockey team which we had come to regard as invincible as the "old guard." We have sacrificed that team to the just demands of Intercollegiate

spirit. The reason why Queen's still can keep a team in senior company is because the other Colleges are under the same restrictions in picking their teams as she is. The Royal Military College has had to drop from Senior to Intermediate company because they have a smaller body of students to draw from. It is no disgrace for McMaster and Victoria to play in the Intermediate series, and if they should ask to be allowed to play non-students in order that they might play in Senior company, it would not take us long to frame an answer. We will be glad to welcome Ottawa College into the Intercollegiate league, but we cannot and will not sacrifice the principles of the league. Intercollegiate it is, and intercollegiate it must remain.

THE Inter-year debates are over, and for the first time since 1901 the full series has been held, so that the winning year is entitled to be considered inter-year champion. The junior years are to be complimented on the interest taken in the debates, and if every subsequent Freshman year will show evidences of the same talent and interest shown by '07, we can guarantee the Alma Mater Society at least three interesting meetings each session.

The subjects discussed in the inter-year debates are live subjects of general interest. They are questions regarding which the majority of the students frequently have very hazy notions; and time spent listening to debates on subjects which may come up for decision in our future careers as citizens will not be mis-spent. But it is the students who take part in the