

'TOBAS VS. WESLEY

January 15.—The second series opened most auspiciously for Wesley on the above date, when she succeeded in defeating her old-time rivals, the 'Tobas. The victory was all the more glorious because it was the first time the doughty Presbyterians have had to lower their banners to the meek and humble followers of John Wesley.

Wesley has been very unfortunate this year in losing players. First, Ed. Walton sought fresh pastures, and thereby deprived us of the services of one of the best all-round half-backs in the city. Then, to make matters worse, Carter, our Nonpareil goal-keeper, was laid on the shelf. And now "Geordie" McCrossan, imbued with a strenuous desire to become a second Pestalozzi, has seen fit to leave us. However, we gathered up the fragments of a team that were left, and still persevere in the struggle.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., we certainly expected to receive a drubbing from the 'Tobas, but, resolving to take our medicine without making wry faces, we lined up determined to do or die. Our opponents had been strengthened by the addition of Con. Logan, the crack Carberry back, and "Jimmy" Creighton, the elusive forward, who was of so much assistance to the Schools last half.

The respective teams were :—

'Tobas—Goal, Marshall ; backs, Logan, Walker ; half-backs, Hall, Kydd, Harvey ; forwards, Saunderson, Creighton, Taylor, McLean, Kavanagh.

Wesley—Goal, Murchison ; backs, Gilbert, St. John ; half-backs, Spear, Wheelodon, Nicholls ; forwards, Clayton, Clendenning, Markle, Walker, Laidlaw.

For the first ten minutes the 'Tobas rushed things, and gave the Wesley defence a lively time. Several corner kicks were secured, but they failed to score from them. At last, Laidlaw made a brilliant run and nearly scored. From this out the complexion of the game began to change. The Wesley forwards were continually on the aggressive, Markle and Laidlaw being conspicuous at all times.

About fifteen minutes before half-time Geordie Walker, who had been paying assiduous attention to the goal-keeper, sent in a fast shot which was out of the goal-keeper's reach. Just as it was going through, Clayton and the other Walker appeared upon the scene, but all the latter could do was to transfer the ball into a different part of the basket from the one intended by "Geordie."

At half-time the score still stood 1—0 in our favor. Soon after the resumption of play Laidlaw, by one of the prettiest runs of the season, took the ball down from centre field, and, having dodged all obstructions, beat 'Marshall completely, with a fast shot. Strange to say, the 'Tobas, although demoralized for the time, soon began to set the pace. And not until the wearers of the white and blue had placed a goal to their credit did our boys wake up to the fact that the game was not yet won. Creighton scored the goal from a long shot, the ball rebounding from the post through the goal. After this, although both sides had opportunities to score, none of these were accepted.

For the 'Tobas, Logan, Hall and Creighton played excellently. For Wesley, Laidlaw, Markle, Wheelodon and Gilbert distinguished themselves.

Ed. Hall, of the 'Tobas, was so unfortunate as to have his knee-cap displaced, and it is feared that he will be compelled to give up the game. If so, the 'Tobas lose a man hard to replace.

HANDBALL

Those of the students who did not go out of the city during the holidays, desiring some means of amusement, met and arranged for a handball contest. Eight teams entered, and a schedule was arranged extending over three days.

The games passed off in rapid succession with few hitches. Messrs. Stevenson and Vernon swept down all opponents, and it looked as though they would win with ease. But Fate had ordained otherwise, and they fell before the skill of Messrs. Earle and Johnston in one of the most keenly contested games of the series.