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especially the character of the music at our Sunday evening services, and his resignation will be generally regretted. Music, however, has now got a fair start in the College, and has lately received a great impulse from the enthusiasm of Mr. Matthew, as previously it has been encouraged by the interest taken by Mr. Walker. We now hear of the formation of an orchestra, and there is every reason to expect a considerable development of musical talent within the next year or two. In a musical city like Toronto, it will doubtless be possible to find an adequate successor for Dr. Ham in the management of the instrumental music.

All the available space in the College is now full, and applicants are waiting for any vacancy which may occur at the Christmas vacation. The necessity for further buildings has therewith become imperative, and the Preparatory School will not be ready a day too soon.

Eight years ago some one had the temerity to propose the formation of an Intercollegiate Rugby Football Union and was laughed to scorn as an unpractical dreamer. To-day, after a three years' existence the Intercollegiate Union stands for all that is best in Canadian football, and that the public appreciate this fact is proved by the crowds at the College games. The Intercollegiate has been a success, not only from the point of view of good play and good feeling, but also from a financial standpoint, and we rejoice in its prosperity. It has done much to improve the quality and to elevate the tone of Canadian football, and is doing an even more important work in helping the students of three great universities to better understand one another. The result is that a friendly feeling has grown up, and soon all the old suspicion and bitter rivalry which we so well remember will have been replaced by a spirit of emulation none the less keen because the contestants are warm friends.

The games played this year were admirable. The class of football was much superior to that of either the Ontario or Quebec Union ; the matches were better exhibitions from the scientific point of view —full of brilliant kicking and running, with plenty of mass play and tackling such as one sees only in college games. There has been no attempt to beat the referee, no evidence of a desire to win by sharp tricks, and the rowdyism and unnecessary roughness so prominent even in college games of a few years ago, have entirely disappeared. May the spirit which has so far animated the Union long continue to spread, until it permeates all our sports, and players come to recognize that there are some things in a game of greater importance than winning.

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