

and though a scheduled game with 'Varsity was approaching there was no attempt made by the football executive to perform their duties, and no practice was held after the Montreal game on Oct. 29th until 6 a.m. on November 9th.

To speak plainly, they had the A.M.S. in a hole and they dictated the terms on which they would resume work.

That the captain and secretary had some just ground for complaint all will admit, but we believe that all right thinking students when they examine the question calmly, will express their "hearty disapproval" of the method resorted to. It was not honorable on the part of those who adopted it, and it was humiliating to the A.M.S. to accede to their demands on any lower ground than that of justice.

We are not the custodians of another man's honor, and perhaps the gentlemen really were satisfied with the vindication they received at the special meeting on the 8th. But we cannot help feeling that there is a higher standard of personal honor, and that the athletic committee, however culpable on the point in dispute, have risen nearer to that standard.

After what is generally construed as a direct censure, and vote of want of confidence, carried by a large majority, they shirked no duty or responsibility. They completed all arrangements for the match on the 12th, gave due notice that they would hand in their resignations at the next meeting of the society, then, in the interval, squared all accounts, and before resigning presented their report in a business-like way. Now it will hardly be contended that these men are less sensitive than the others, or that they were lacking in true self-respect when they continued, in the face of the society's rebuke, to discharge the duties of their office, until duly and formally relieved. Whence, then, the difference? Which spirit are we, in our moments of sober and candid judgment, to brand as the true spirit of Queen's, and, further, what is the value of rugby football as a means for the cultivation of self-control, forbearance and true manliness?

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The design which graces the front cover of the JOURNAL is the work of Miss Carey, of Kingston. It is both appropriate and attractive, and has been well received by our readers. The artist has been quite happy in her conception as well as skilful in the execution of it, and we extend our thanks and our congratulations.

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We regret that lack of space compels us to hold over an interesting review of "John Splendid" by our old friend and contributor, T. G. Marquis, B.A. Look for it in next number. Mr. Marquis has kindly

volunteered to give us such reviews of recent fiction from time to time this session, and his articles will be read with interest as in former years.

#### THE QUESTION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE GOOD-WILL.

*The Varsity* of Nov. 9th has a well written editorial on "Fraternal Feelings," which is a timely and important contribution on the subject of a closer union and a more friendly relationship among the leading colleges of Canada. The sentiment expressed by *The Varsity* will be cordially endorsed by every student, of whatever university, who has the right college spirit. Such fraternal feelings are quite compatible with the fullest loyalty to one's Alma Mater. In fact no student is truly loyal to his own college who has not a sympathetic interest in the welfare and success of others. The time for petty faction and envious rivalry has gone by, and, happily, the day seems to be dawning when the students of all our leading colleges shall form one great freemasonry with mutual aspirations, the same lofty ideals, and only such a rivalry as is consistent with the closest friendship. But to be a true friend, one must be honest with one's self, and, if this new found friendship among the students of different colleges is to be cemented, there must be honest and searching self-criticism. This fraternal spirit had an auspicious beginning in the formation of the I.C.R.U., and it can best be fostered along athletic lines, though no doubt it will exert a potent influence in many other spheres of college activity as well. It is to our credit here at Queen's that from the outset we were staunch supporters of the scheme for an intercollegiate rugby union, and college sentiment here is strongly in favor of the application of the idea to other branches of athletics.

And yet there is no use shutting our eyes to the fact that at the end of the first season we are to a certain extent discredited in the eyes of the other members of the union. To those of us who mingled with the players and delegates from the other colleges on the night of the rugby union dinner, it was rather painfully apparent that they looked upon us as having in a measure fallen from grace. There appear to be two reasons for this. One is the question of the eligibility of a player on our team, and the other is the style of game we play.

As to the first of these there is probably some misunderstanding, arising out of the discussion we ourselves had over the standing of this player. Whatever his status before the time of the final game, there can be no question as to his eligibility at the time of the game on the 12th, though opinions may differ as to the good judgment of the managers in playing him that day. While they had an un-