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Winter is upon us. The sublime record of the team who have so nobly carried on the great fall game will soon be complete. It has been a more than nine days wonder to us, and we think we are safe in saying, to the shattered remnants of those teams hardy enough to enter into competition with our champions, but it is past and gone, and soon the field of battle, the scene of so many triumphs, will be covered by the white cloak of the Snow King.

Winter is, for the boarder, as a rule the dullest season of the year, and particularly so when it is such a poor specimen as the last few years have given us. He is precluded from the gaiety and festivity of the city, and has practically nothing to do after dark,—except study ! Consequently anything that will help fill up time is a welcome relief. This season promises to be particularly well supplied in this respect. The Rifle Company will be hard at work all winter. The Musical and Dramatic Society has an excellent programme and offers every inducement to enter its membership. The Camera Club will, it is expected, give exhibitions every now and then, which we sincerely hope will not only interest and instruct the audiences, but pour the shekels into the Club's treasury. It would undoubtedly be a good thing for the Middle School if something of the nature of a literary

society were started on a sound common-sense basis, but this can scarcely be done without the leadership of the seniors, and their hands are already too full. The theatre is naturally a perennial source of amusement, and, judging from the number of really standard companies which have already appeared here, the season, at the Grand at least, promises to be a good one.

In the field of athletics we will also be better off than last year, our facilities for playing hockey being much greater than then ; the team however does not as yet promise very well, but with the example of the football club, and under the able leadership of Captain McLennan, they are sure to carry the blue and white to the front more than once. And, if the winter is a good old-fashioned one, then why should not those who are interested in snowshoeing form a club ? When hockey is over, and before the ground is dry enough to play cricket outside, we will have the cricket-shed to practice in, and with this aid we ought surely to be able to avenge our defeat of last year against Port Hope.

We have every desire to assist the Faculty in eradicating the evils pointed out in the editorial of our last issue, but however much we may be in sympathy with their object, we cannot approve of some of the means they have adopted. The plan of compelling every boy to bring a written certificate stating where he has spent all his time even when down town only for six hours, is not only impracticable but it can easily be evaded and is calculated, we should think, to bring the College into derision in the city. We know of no other residential school where such a system of surveillance is enforced, except, perhaps, some of the strictest young ladies' schools, and the fact must not be lost sight of that this is neither a young ladies' school nor an advanced kindergarten. Many of the boys are, and with good reason, almost ashamed to show these "visiting cards" for signature, for at first sight, it would imply that any boy whose conduct has to be watched in this manner must be a suspicious character. In addition to all these disadvantages it must entail considerable expense and labour, this giving to every boy among the two hundred residents one or more cards every week and collecting them again upon his return.

Is the general moral character of the school