

to the last meet; the limited sail area race, in which no canoe is allowed to carry over 75 square feet of sail; the club race, open to three members of any club, that whose members get most points taking the prize; the sailing upset race, in which the canoes, under full sail, must be completely upset, righted, and then finish; the paddling upset race, in which the canoes must be turned once round in the water, the crew then get in and finish; the manoeuvring race, in which half a paddle must be thrown overboard aft out of reach, recovered again, and the race finished without sail having been lowered; and finally some six or eight paddling races. A few events are put on the programme for amusement, such as the hurry-scurry race, consisting of a 50 yards run, a 50 feet swim, and a 50 yards paddle; the tournament, in which the crew of each boat contains a paddler and a lance-man, who stands up forward, and who, armed with a bamboo pole ten feet long, having a large pad on the end, tries to knock his opposing lancer overboard; the tug-of-war; the hand-paddling race; gymnastics, &c. No prize of any intrinsic value, except the two perpetual challenge cups, are given. The first and second man in each race gets a prize flag, and at each meet every member proudly hoists above his tent his string of prize flags, be it long or short, to show how many scalps he has taken.

When half-a-dozen or more members of any club are at camp they generally have their own club mess, bringing with them a man to do the cooking. Many individual members do their own cooking, but by far the majority "grub" at the camp dining shed, where good fare is to be had for one dollar a day.

All railroad and steamboat companies issue return tickets to the American Canoe Association at fare and a third, canoes and kits free. It is necessary, of course, for one to look after his own canoe *en route*, or, unless she is in a very strong crate, there will not be much of her left for use at the meet.

Frequently during the meet a few canoeists will set sail together in the morning, and settling on some objective point, generally a hotel where a civilized dinner is to be had, race for it, the last man in having to "set up" the dinner for the crowd. A good many upsets occur at every meet, but never result in anything worse than a good wetting and a great deal of chaff for the unlucky land-lubber.

One can only mention such attractions as Squaw Point, or Paradise, which is the camp of the lady members of the American Canoe Association, situated about half a mile from the main camp; the review of the fleet by the Commodore; the illuminated parade; the fireworks; the games of base ball, and the jolly evenings spent around the camp-fires, at which hot punch is brewed and songs are sung till "taps" (bugle call at 11.35), when each fellow repairs (or is carried, if necessary,) to his own tent.

Without having been there, no conception can be gathered of what an American Canoe Association meet is

like. The best advice one can give is—Attend the next meet, which is to be held on Sugar Island, one mile from old Grindstone, and one and a half miles below Gananoque, on the St. Lawrence. The date is August 16th to 30th, and it can be safely promised that anyone attending the meet of 1889, which will probably be the largest and best ever held, will not miss another meet till with his canoe he has paddled the Styx.

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NOTE.

Arrangements are now being made with Convocation and the Medical Undergraduates on the basis outlined in our last issue. With the beginning of next January the TRINITY UNIVERSITY REVIEW will probably be the representative journal of all the departments of the University. Convocation has already decided on the details of the amalgamation, while the students of the Medical College are showing a warm interest in the proposal. With such a wide field as the REVIEW will now possess, a glorious future is in store for it.

OBITER DICTA.

It is to be hoped that the story of the recent exploits of a bear in the streets of Toronto will not get into the English papers. Even to this day many of the good people of England are under the impression that wild beasts of various kinds are to be hunted in our streets, and that the log huts in which most Canadians are supposed to dwell are constantly besieged by the brutes seeking to appease their hunger on the bodies of the struggling colonists. It is easy to see how the present story would strengthen these impressions. But we can assure our transatlantic relatives that it is no more true that ferocious beasts roam our streets than that the Province of Ontario is a town, or that Toronto is in South America, or that the citizens of Montreal do not know the difference between sense and nonsense, all of which strange notions appear to be entertained in parts of the British Islands. The Imperial Privy