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Rumor has it that "Bernard" Troy is a prominent candidate for athletic honors.

Shall we have a gala-day this winter? This question is frequently asked by those who remember the magnificent success of last 17th of Feb'y.

Our Rugby champions were photographed last week. This year, owing to the absence of some of the members of the fifteen, a new department was entered upon, and the group will be made up of a cabinet of the manager and each member of the team taken separately. This will be novel and no doubt pleasing to all.

Already we hear mentioned the names of several who intend competing next university day for the all-round championship of the College. The trophy emblematic of this championship, and which was spontaneously offered by the Alumni Association, has failed to materialize, and the time of its appearance remains gloriously indefinite. The A. A. should do something towards providing a suitable testimonial for the victor.

A short time ago there appeared in a leading American daily a paragraph which proved conclusively the religious tendencies of the best players in the various university football teams. In fact most of them were set down as candidates for the ministry. And now, following the first, comes another conveying the intelligence that the Harvard captain has ordered the members of the baseball nine to attend morning prayers in the university. And why? To invoke success upon their efforts? No; but to insure their keeping regular hours, and thereby the sooner to get them into condition. Verily here is a most commendable act performed with rather a questionable motive.

The National Amateur Lacrosse Association holds its annual meeting in Cornwall in the second week in April. Shall our organization be represented there.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. J. Dunn has been engaged to give instruction in boxing and calisthenic exercises, twice a week. The new gloves will not want exercise, and the classes will have arrived at a high state of perfection before the Athletic Association's entertainment on Easter Monday evening.

It is rumored that a Yale football team is going over to England next season to play an international match with Oxford. Concerning which *Sport* pointedly asks: By what rules shall they play? A most appropriate question, a solution of which is necessary before Yale and Oxford can meet. Rugby football the world over should be governed by the same rules. If such were the case there would be no more popular game.

DRAMATIC.

The first public appearance of the Dramatic Association this year took place before a large audience in Academic Hall, on February 13th, last, and was very successful. This, we must confess, was contrary to our expectations, as we had had several misgivings in regard to it; occasioned principally by the fact that the drama *The White Horse of the Peppers*, was scarcely two weeks in preparation, and moreover was one that required a mounting more extensive and elaborate than our limited accommodations and equipment would allow. Since the destruction, a few years since, of the old hall, which was exceptionally well equipped with scenery and theatrical properties, the Dramatic Association has experienced up-hill work. Thanks, however, to the indefatigable zeal and energy of the Rev. Director, Father Balland, this state of things is improving every day, and each public representation saw our scenery augmented by several new pieces. On the present occasion a most realistic village scene, and a very practical ruined house, met the gaze of the public for the first time.

The evening's entertainment opened with the overture "*Une chasse dans les Ardennes*" by the College band; which by the way, is making rapid progress and in fact approaching the position occupied by its predecessor of a dozen years ago, when our college band enjoyed not only a local but a national fame.

The curtain was then rung up, and the farce, "Look after Brown" was presented, concerning which we will venture some remarks later on.

Another selection was given by the band, and the feature of the evening, Samuel Lover's comic drama, *The White Horse of the Peppers*, next claimed the attention of the audience. In this, the ability and training of the students showed to great advantage; Mr. Foley, especially, as Major Mansfeldt deserving great praise. The wonderful transformation which this gentleman's person underwent, joined to his inimitable dialect, made of him a typical Dutchman. We are unable to enumerate the different scenes in which this portly gentleman figured. It suffices to say that from his entrance upon the stage to the dropping of the curtain on the closing scene, there was no diminution of interest shown in Major Hans Mansfeldt.

Mr. Fallon's rendition of Gerald Pepper was certainly of a character seldom met with in amateurs. The affectionate son, loyal patriot, and kind hearted landlord were all admirably personified, while his assumed character of an Irish guide was especially well executed.

The remaining characters in the piece acquitted themselves most creditably. Especial mention must be made of the musical portion of the entertainment which was well rendered by Messrs, Ryan, Kirkpatrick and A. A. Delaney as soloists, and a well trained chorus.

At a late hour the audience dispersed well satisfied with the evening's entertainment.