

# THE VARSITY.

## ATHLETIC LIFE.

One of the most interesting exchanges which comes to our table is this magazine, devoted as it is to the interests of athletics in Canada, and we would heartily recommend it to all of our undergraduate friends who are interested in any line of amateur sport.

The editor, Mr. De la Fosse, has always manifested a lively interest in our teams and games, and it is owing to his kindness that we are able in this number to give cuts of Varsity and her opponents in the O. R. F. U. series for '95.

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## THE GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

On Friday, the 13th of December, the University Glee Club gave its annual concert in Massey Music Hall, which magnificent house never presented a more brilliant appearance.

The audience was a large and extremely fashionable one. The boxes were highly decorated, and occupied by representatives of the class of '97, the Medical School, the School of Science, Osgoode Hall and Trinity College. The immense balcony and most of the ground floor were crowded with the friends of the University, and their costumes were brilliant and effective. The programme throughout was listened to with the utmost attention, and encores were frequent.

The Glee Club were a trifle unfortunate in their first selection—Schubert's "Serenade"—as in this more than in any other number one noticed their only defect—a slight tendency to flatten. Otherwise, in expression and precision of attack, this most difficult piece was exquisitely rendered and the Club completely vindicated itself in Dudley Buck's complicated "Twilight," and their old standby, Pinsuti's "Hour of Softened Splendour." As usual the encore numbers made a great hit, especially the gem of musical humor entitled, "They Kissed; I Saw Them Do It." The Banjo, Guitar and Mandolin Clubs acquitted themselves very creditably under the leadership of Mr. Geo. Smedley, who produced a new and

very catchy set of waltzes of his own composition with great success. Mrs. Barnes-Holmes, whose voice is one of the most delicate high contraltos ever heard in Toronto, sang with superb expression Gounod's rather dismal song, "The Worker," and Cantor's "As the Dawn," receiving on both occasions an encore and a bouquet. Mr. Field's piano numbers exhibited well both his brilliant technique and his power of expression. Messrs. King and Mackay sang, by request, with their usual success Mr. Robinson's double number, "Parting" and "Renewal," by Franz, was rendered in very fine style.

The appearance of the Ladies' Glee Club was hailed enthusiastically, for they presented a most charming effect in black and white. Their singing of Smart's "Glow Worm" and "Away to the West," by Thom, was extremely correct and spirited. The finest choral number on the programme was reserved for the last, when the two Glee Clubs gave the Bridal Chorus from Cowen's "Rose Maiden." The ensemble effect of this chorus, which is one of the most beautiful of modern compositions, was superb, and the perfect balance of tone, the fine shading and pure enunciation exhibited by so large a body of singers, reflected the highest credit on their conductor, Mr. Robinson, to whom, in fact, is largely due the brilliant success of the concert.

Unfortunately there is no space this week for a lengthy notice of this important event.



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