

work. The life and death of Christ were pointed out as the source of inspiration and power. He is all power in heaven and earth. The members of the Y. M. C. A. were urged to earnest work for the Master in the College.

After devotions led by Messrs. McKay and Drummond, Mr. McLeod spoke. He mooted the question of a Y. M. C. A. building in connection with University College. He quoted the authority of President Wilson and others on the feasibility of obtaining such a building. Mr. McLeod also gave briefly a report of the Peterborough Convention. Attention is directed to a full report of this Convention in another column.

The meeting of the Association next week will be addressed by Hon. S. H. Blake, Q.C.

### 'Varsity Sport.

Matters in this direction have been exceedingly dull during the last few days. Practices have been insignificant, and generally there has been a great falling off in the interest which characterized the beginning of the season. But there is no doubt; that with more favourable weather and with the renewed interest which the near approach of important matches brings, things will brighten on both sides of the lawn. The matches of the week have been few and unimportant. They were these:—

'Varsity, vs. Victoria (Association.) Result, one to one.

'Varsity vs. Upper Canada (Rugby), a win for Upper Canada, four points to nothing.

#### 'Varsity vs. Victoria F. B. C.

The Victoria Club made their second appearance on the lawn this season on Saturday last and, as on the former occasion, won the admiration of the lovers of the "Dribbling Game," by an excellent exhibition of Foot Ball. The play throughout was of a superior kind and reflected great credit on both teams. All through the 'Varsity had slightly the better of the play. The result was a draw, each side scoring once. The most noticeable feature in the play of the 'Varsity team was the excellence of the left division of the field, Senkler, Aylen, and Chrystal played and passed magnificently, and the playing of the left half-back, Sliter (?) was exceedingly good. The other side of the field showed a tendency at times to weakness. The defence behind the half-backs was excellent. All that the team requires is a little strengthening on the right to make it perfect. The following were the eleven:—Goal, Garreth; Backs, Jackson and Hogarth; half-backs, Mustard and Sliter; forwards, Aylen, Senkler, Crystal; Sykes, McCulloch and Miller.

#### 'Varsity vs. Upper Canada.

After the handy way in which the 'Varsity defeated the college team on the occasion of their first meeting several weeks ago, the result of the game on Tuesday last was somewhat unexpected. And not only were the supporters of the 'Varsity disappointed in the result but they were also disappointed at the poor form shewn by the team. Generally with three or four exceptions, the 'Varsity team played a careless game; little more can be said of their opponents, for taking the play all through a poorer exhibition of Rugby Foot Ball has seldom if ever been seen on the lawn. The game all through was a series of scrimmages or rather we should say of rough and tumble mauls. The only advantage gained was a touch-down, obtained under rather doubtful circumstances by Upper Canada, toward the end of the last half. Although the touch was right in goal the try was badly missed. During the entire game the 'Varsity showed a lack of interest in the game, their play was loose and half-hearted. At the same time this criticism does not apply to all. Mustard, Back, Senkler quarter-backs, and Elliott, McCulloch and McLean among the forwards played well from first to last; especially may this be said of Senkler whose quarter-back playing and tackling were the redeeming feature of the team's play. The following were the 'Varsity fifteen:—Mustard, back; Macdonald, Scott, and Smith, half-backs; Morrice and Senkler, Quarter-Backs; forwards, McCulloch, Boyd, McLean, Bruce, Silverthorn, Nicholson, Elliott, Cronyn, and McLaren.

#### THE M'GILL MATCH.

Arrangements are completed for the match with McGill next Saturday. Our team will leave the Union Station by the C. P. R., at 7.55 p. m., arrive in Montreal about 8.30 Saturday morning. Returning they will leave and arrive about the same hours. It is expected that quite a number besides the members of the team will go down. The rate is very low—\$5.00 for return tick-

et. A visit to Montreal is an enjoyable one at any time and under the circumstances it cannot fail to be more than ordinarily interesting.

In respect to the match itself, the somewhat sorry exhibition of last Tuesday weakens to some extent our former high estimation of the strength of the team; but our confidence in the ability of the 'Varsity Club to win still remains. This is pretty much the opinion of Football men in Montreal. McGill is not regarded by them as a strong team and in no way as good a team as that of last year. Already this season they have been severely defeated by both the Montreal and the Britannia Clubs.

The following letter has been handed to us for insertion. We insert it as coming from a prominent member of the Rugby team, and one who is certainly in a position to know whereof he writes. Similar rumors of disaffection among the team generally on account of certain irregularities have reached our ears from time to time; we hope that now the grievances have been so publicly made known, the Committee will see the necessity for their immediate correction.

What the writer says in regard to the necessity for constant practice between now and Saturday next we heartily endorse.

To the Editor of THE 'Varsity.

SIR:—

I would like to call the attention of all who are interested in the Rugby game, to the very unwonted and desultory manner in which things, so far, appear to have been carried on. I am at a loss to know wherein lies the secret of the non-success of the Team, which, from the very outset gave fair promise of even bettering the very creditable record of last year.

That there is an abundance of material to work on, and that of a superior kind, no one will deny. Yet, judging from recent results, and the few ill-attended practices, something must be very far wrong.

This state of affairs must immediately be checked if the honor and reputation of the 'Varsity Fifteen are to be maintained.

To this end, I would make the following few suggestions:

Elect a permanent captain and abandon the system of choosing one anew for each match.

In choosing a captain (which should be done by ballot) care should be taken that he not only be a good player, but also that he have a thorough knowledge of the game and possess the entire confidence of, at least the majority of the fifteen.

Let the captain, when appointed, see to it that there be no longer existing that painfully evident absence of enthusiasm which has been so noticeable in the few practices that have recently taken place, and which has been the distinctive point of difference between this and the preceding year's team.

Let there be no favoritism shewn in choosing the team, for this would be simply dishonest—and an injustice to the good players who, by virtue of their superior playing, deserve a place on the team.

Lastly, let there be punctual, regular and well-attended practices, with as many practice-matches with other first fifteens as may be deemed advisable; and let every man play for the love of the game, and with the interests of the first fifteen at heart; and not in order to satisfy personal vanity or selfishness, by coveting a place on the team, in which he has no honest right.

On the members of the committee devolves, to a very large extent, the responsibility of the success of the team; and it is to them, no less than to all the members of the club, that those who are interested in the game will look for, and expect to find, that hearty, unbiassed and honest co-operation in this much-needed reform, without which nothing need be expected.

To be a little more specific, we would suggest the names of Messrs. R. G. Macdonald and J. S. McLean as being, in our opinion, the most qualified to fill the position of captain.

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#### FOOTBALL NOTES.

With one or two changes the Rugby team published above will be the team for Montreal. The Association Club will be represented in Galt at the Tournament on Thanksgiving Day by pretty much the same team as played Saturday last.

Toronto beat 'Varsity 24 to nothing. McGill suffered a precisely similar defeat at the hands of the Montreal Football Club. Montreal and Toronto meet next Thursday. The result of this