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it doesn't pay to have too many irons in the fire. Nowadays the ground presents just the same general appearance as a first-rate English club ground, and so long as it does that, the majority of members will be more than content.

In 1885 the club affiliated with the A. A. A. of Canada, and adopted its amateur definition.

In 1886 the committee began to look about for a new Ground, and finally selected a site in the ash heap and old road that lay north of the public gardens. Partly through the kind offices of Hon. M. J. Power, a 15-year lease was obtained from the city, and a bill was put through the House to allow the closing of the road. Finally the permission of the war office had to be secured before a pavilion could be built, and with this the Wanderers at last took possession of the ground they still occupy, and which they have converted from an ash-heap to a garden.

We must not forget to record the kindness of Dr. Martin Murphy, who acted as honorary surveyor and general adviser to the ground committee, when it first commenced the seemingly hopeless task of levelling down the old ash heap.

And for the rest, the constitutional history of the club for the ensuing years can be put in a few words. The number of members has increased steadily, and the introduction of an entrance fee last year shows that members have to take precautions to prevent a too rapid growth. Large sums of money have been spent on the new ground and pavilion, and the club is to-day on a good sound financial basis.

And now let us turn to the other side of the club's history,—the purely athletic side. Here, of course, the reputation of the W. A. A. C. depends on the work of a handful of individuals; still it was made early, and has been well sustained since, in many different departments of sport.

As the club was not called into existence till August, 1882, there was little to be done that year, but foot ball. Five matches were played, and all won. In 1883 the Wanderers justified their name by sending a Cricket XI. on a tour through the Province, visiting Charlottetown, Pictou, New Glasgow and Truro, and only receiving one defeat, at Truro. In fact, this year's Cricket record shows an amount of energy and organization that we cannot touch now-a-days. Visiting teams from St. John and Moncton were both defeated, and matches were arranged at home with the 'old Cricketers', Garrison and Acadia College. The first match with the Garrison was a win for the W. A. A. C., 141 to 136.

Some good times were made at the sports of 1883:—G. E. Van Buskirk won the  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile in 57 sec., the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile in 2m. 14s., and the 100 yards in 11 sec.; P. MacGuire doing the mile in 5m. 6 sec.

The football season was a poor one;—only two matches, both wins. W. A. Henry was at Harvard, winning high honors on the

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field. *Turf, Field and Farm* said of him at this time,—“In Henry, Harvard has the best half back ever seen in New York.” And many of us who have seen, and felt—his powers with the ball can quite appreciate this verdict. The attitude of the gentleman in the annexed sketch, whose face has some sort of a distant resemblance to Mr. Henry's, may perhaps prove familiar to those who have watched the game on the W. A. A. C. grounds.

In 1884 the Wanderers had the winning four-oared crew in the Bankers' Regatta, consisting of F. W. Taylor, G. Tracey, H. Oxley and P. MacGuire. Tracey won the scull race on the same occasion.

The Cricketers were energetic, and made another tour, beating Yarmouth and Wolfville, and being defeated by St. John. George Tracey made his first appearance as a runner at the sports this

year, winning the half-mile in 2m. 10s, Oxley running second.

Nor must we forget the Quoilers, who toured to Dartmouth and beat the club there. In the annual competition L. R. Kaye made the very creditable average of 7-7, which compares favorably with many of the Studley records.

In the winter of this year the Wanderers went in rather heavily for skating races and hockey, and managed several interesting events at the Rink.

The year 1884 is memorable also for the appointment of J. D. Irons as ground-man.

In 1885 funds to pay for a professional cricket coach were raised by a series of minstrel performances, which proved very successful. Mr. A. D. Johnson was awarded a life-membership in return for his energy and enterprise in carrying the thing through so well. The cricket season opened remarkably early, the first match being played on the 30th May. The St. John team was defeated here in August, and in September our cricketers made a most successful tour, playing



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