

The attitude of the Kingston papers toward our Foot-ball Club during the present season was certainly not what it ought to have been. Of the two, the *News* is certainly far the more to blame. The *Whig* reporter obviously tried to be fair, but his incomplete knowledge of the game led him to commit one or two absurd blunders. But the attitude of the *News* was unsportsmanlike to a degree. Its reports seem to have been written with the sole purpose of making the beaten team feel as meanly as possible. In an account of a friendly game between two colleges of the same city to say that "the ladies were compelled to witness the defeat of their dear red-coated darlings," and so on, is simply to arouse grave doubts as to whether the writer is a gentleman. Every account has been mainly a sneer at the vanquished. Thus, the account of the 'Varsity match is headed, "they went forth to battle, but they always fell," with no possible object other than that of making the defeat rankle in the breasts of our boys. Again, if ever there was a game of foot-ball in which the teams were evenly matched, and in which it was anybody's game to the end, it was that with the Hamilton Juniors, and yet "when once Queen's warmed up, Hamilton's goose was cooked." Such a spirit is far from being creditable. If the *News* wishes Queen's to win, as it doubtless does, let us have encouragement and friendly criticism, not either fulsome laudation or galling sneers, neither of which can do anything but harm.

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As usual it becomes necessary to remind the students that the Reading Room of the university is intended for reading purposes only. It is very annoying to those who wish to spend a spare hour with the papers to be compelled to listen to loud and boisterous discussions of foot-ball matches, sports, &c. There is room enough for such discussions in the halls and on the campus, so let us keep the Reading Room for those who prefer to put it to its legitimate uses.

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IS A GYMNASIUM ESSENTIAL?

Desirable? Yes. Essential? No. Would it not be well therefore to "hasten slowly"?

We have gone ahead pretty well in the last ten years. Before that, we had neither campus, track, foot-ball posts of our own, matches

with other colleges and cities, hockey, nor open-air or closed skating rink. Now, we have all, and a curling rink too and a fund on which we can depend, for athletics, gathered without any trouble. Besides, the debt on the modest gymnasium that we had for a while is wiped out, and we find ourselves at the beginning of the session with money on hand instead of liabilities. Certainly, even as it is, we get our dollar's worth.

Again, would it be wise to have a gymnasium with a big debt on it and with no money to pay an instructor and scarcely enough to pay other running expenses? Not more than forty or fifty students would be likely to use it, to judge from past experience, and they would use it for only two or three months.

If a friend presents us with a gymnasium, that would be the best solution of our problem, and such a solution may come five or six years hence. Meanwhile, why not make a temporary arrangement with the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium? Their building is as central, with reference to the greatest number of boarding houses, as the university itself, and we have something in hand that would enable us to make a satisfactory bargain. *Verb. Sap. Sat.*

The best exercise that men can take is in the open air, and one of the best places is the campus. A gymnasium is desirable for two or three months in the year, and if we can rent one for five years and look forward to ultimately getting one of our own, we have precious little reason for grumbling, especially when we compare our position with other Canadian and with British Universities.

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A, CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.

The undergraduates taking the honor course in Classics at Toronto University have formed an Association, the object of which will be easily seen from this programme, of which the following is an example:

OCTOBER 13TH.

Comparison of the civilization of Rome with that of Greece.—MR. W. P. REEVE, '94.

OCTOBER 27TH.

(a) The Athenian theatre and stage.—MR. F. B. HELLEMS, '93.

(b) Comparison of the Athenian and Elizabethan dramas.—MR. J. M. BROWN, '94.