

'87. Now, if we remember rightly, Varsity played Ottawa College on October 22nd, '87, and the score was Ottawa College 9, Varsity 0, and if 9 to 0 be a tie, it were indeed a "memorable" one, Varsity.

The last base ball match of the season took place on the college grounds on Oct. 28th, when the Billings' Bridge twirlers crossed bats with the Varsity nine. The weather was rather cold for base ball, and the game was consequently not characterized by very brilliant play, though the score was close throughout. At the end of nine innings, the score stood Varsity 9, Billings' Bridge 7. Messrs. Foley and Ryan as umpires gave general satisfaction.

Judging from an article in the *Montreal Gazette* of Oct. 11th, it seems that the sporting editor of that journal refuses to recognize our football team as the champions of Canada. Did the sporting editor of the *Gazette* recognize the Montrealers as champions during the season of 1887? We are inclined to think that he did, and if he did, he must also have recognized as champions the team that defeated Montreal for the Dominion championship, and that was the Ottawa University football team. If he recognized Ottawa University as champions at the end of the season of 1887, he must continue to do so until they are defeated for the championship. Such defeat, however, has not up to the time of writing, been administered to Ottawa University. But, since he seemingly refuses to do so, would the sporting editor of the *Gazette* bearing in mind the fact that a majority of two points is required to decide a match, kindly inform us who are the champions of Canada.

The *Montreal Gazette*, in its report of the Montreal-Ottawa University championship match, reflects rather discreditably upon Mr. P. D. Ross, as referee. We hope, however, that the liberal minded will not be biassed by any such report as that of the *Gazette*. Mr. Ross is an old player, and, since his retirement, has officiated as referee in many lacrosse and football matches. He has always been considered as a competent, strict and impartial referee, and this reputation is, we think, proof against any such insinuations as those of the *Gazette*.

LOCALS.

The Retreat conducted by Rev. M. J. Whelan in English and the Rev. Fr. Harnois, O. M. I., in French, began on the 19th and was concluded on the 23rd ult. From the good spirit manifested by the students during its progress, the attentive manner in which they listened to the instructions, and from the devotion exhibited in the performance of the various exercises, there is every reason to believe that the beneficial effects produced will be permanent and lasting.

Rev. Fr. Tortel, O. M. I., of Lowell, Mass., paid a short visit to the University, last month.

The Scotch students attended the consecration of the Right Rev. Alexander McDonell, Bishop of Alexandria, Ont. They were accompanied by Rev. Father Fillatre, O. M. I., who preached the sermon on that occasion.

Rev. Fr. Pascal, O. M. I., a venerable missionary who has spent fourteen years of his ministry in the region of Lake Athabasca, celebrated mass in the students' chapel on the morning of the 17th ult. He is on his way to France, called thither by important business in connection with his extensive mission in the North-West.

The Cecilian Society's first entertainment given in the Academic Hall on the evening of the 23rd ult., was a decided success. The band opened the *seance*, rendering in a very creditable manner several new pieces of music, among which "Le chant des Fleurs" deserves especial mention, inasmuch as it proved conclusively that our young musicians are making unprecedented progress in symphony.

Rev. Fr. McGuckin, O. M. I., rector of the University, assisted by Rev. Fr. Nilles, O. M. I., conducted the Retreat at the Rideau street convent, last month.

Rev. Fr. Langevin, O. M. I., director of the seminary, spent the feast of All Saints at St. André Avelin, where he was the guest of Rev. Canon Belanger. He preached the sermon at High Mass.

On the feast of All Saints, Rev. Father Nolin, O. M. I., preached the sermon at St. Bridget's Church, Ottawa.

The Retreat at Gloucester street convent took place the last week of October. The exercises were conducted by the Rev. Father McGuckin, Superior of the University, and Rev. Fr. Harnois, O. M. I., of Hull, Que.

Rev. Father Gendreau, O. M. I., represented the University at the funeral service of the late Father Vincent, V. G., of Toronto. By the demise of the very Rev. Father Vincent, O. S. B., Catholic Ontario at large, and the Basilian Society in particular, sustained a severe loss.

Circulars will soon be out announcing a public musical and dramatic entertainment, which will be given by the students on the 27th of this month, in honor of St. Cecilia, the patroness of musicians.