

mustaches, which proves them not rational but irrational animals, worthy of the same treatment as a bucking bronco. In universities where co-education exists the freshman has been known occasionally to utter a "how-do-you-do" to some of the lady students, thus showing themselves wanting in every principle of morality. But far more serious than this is the spirit of insubordination and disrespect for authority which causes almost all freshmen to lift their hats to the seniors. This is an evidence that some radical treatment is necessary to remove the germs of anarchist and nihilist from the breasts of these unfortunate first year men. The necessity of a severe training being proved, we may strengthen our case by a glance at the benefits which accrue to the freshman who has been, to use the scientific expression, hazed. He who came to college an embryo pugilist, lunatic, libertine and anarchist, is at the end of the four years of his course invariably found to be a thoroughly wise, honorable gentleman, having such a great respect for law and order as leads him to make all possible sacrifices for its maintenance. Taking all the things into consideration we think it safe to say that our doubt is now dispelled. Let the good work go on, let the freshmen be civilized. The hazers have our heartiest approval.

### ATHLETICS.

On Feb. 1st the annual meeting of the Ontario Rugby Union took place at the Rossin House, Toronto. The following city clubs were represented—Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, London and Stratford; and the following college clubs—Toronto, University, Queen's, Trinity, Upper Canada, and Ottawa College. Our representatives were F. H. Nelson, B.A., '80, sporting editor of the *Globe*, and M. F. Fallon, '89, President of the O. C. A. A. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, H. B. Cronyn, Toronto; 1st Vice-President, F. C. Anderson,

Ottawa; 2nd Vice-President, Ald. Stinson, Hamilton; Secretary-Treasurer, Hugh Smith, Toronto. Ottawa College is represented on the Executive Committee by G. A. Griffin, the popular retiring President of the Union.

\* \*

The retiring Executive Committee, in their report, expressed the opinion that the challenge system had proved somewhat unsatisfactory during the past season, owing, it seemed, to the various clubs not fully awaking to its meaning until late in the season. They recommended that the same system be continued for another year, when it would probably meet with more success. They again congratulated Ottawa College, the Union's champions, on having retained the championship of the Dominion.

\* \*

Several amendments to the constitution and rules of the game were adopted. A majority of two points will now be sufficient to decide a match; a goal from the field shall count only five points instead of six, and a safety-touch only one point instead of two. The rule against playing graduates on college teams was struck out, but immediately afterwards a new one substituted, by which only those recognized as students by the authorities of their institutions shall be permitted to play on college teams.

\* \*

But far more important than the above-mentioned changes of rules is that which permits of heeling-out the ball from the scrimmage. Thus, at last, the wisest counsels have prevailed, and the disgusting element of football is removed. We have long been writing in favor of this change, and now we rejoice that our desire has been fulfilled. Nor can it be said by our worst enemies that Ottawa College men have been influenced by mercenary motives in advocating an open scrimmage game. No other team in the country possessed such forwards as ours. Possibly some of our heavy men may no longer have the same capacity for usefulness as before. Yet are we heartily glad that something has been done to render the game of football less brutal and more enjoyable, both to participants and spectators.

\* \*

A proposition to reduce the number of players on a football team from fifteen to