

The necessity for reform has also impressed itself on the footballers of Quebec. At the recent annual meeting of the Quebec Rugby Association several radical changes in the playing rules were introduced. Among other matters which were discussed were the duties of the referee, the powers of which officer were greatly extended.

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Under the revised rules, the Montreal football team will be forced to abandon its old-time tendency to fondle the ball and persistently to lie in the scrimmage.

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At the picnic on Friday next at Lansdowne Park, two picked fifteens from the College will play an exhibition game of football. The College baseball team, in union with a picked nine from the city, will play a match game of baseball. Both games promise to be deeply interesting.

ST. THOMAS' ACADEMY.

The series of meetings of the St. Thomas' Academy, was brought to a close on the evening of the 16th ult. Mr. E. Leonard read an interesting summary of the recent encyclical letter of His Holiness Leo XIII on human liberty. In a few sentences, he reviewed the teaching of our Holy Father on the subject of liberty. The paper gave evidence of careful study and research, and was presented in a pleasing and entertaining style.

BOOK NOTICES.

DONAHOE'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE for June, among its varied and interesting table of contents, contains a reply to the ex-Nun of Kenmare and Her Libels, by Peter McCorry; New England a Misnomer; the conclusion of Archbishop Ryan's paper on Christian Civilization and the Perils that Now Threaten It; the Hercules Stone and the Amber Spirit; History of the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help; The Albegenses, a learned paper by Rev. Reuben Parsons, D.D.; Memoir of Charles Russell, Q.C., M.P., the able advocate in the Parnell trial, with a portrait. This is but a few of the various

articles in the June issue. \$2.00 a year, \$1.00 for six months. Address, DONAHOE'S MAGAZINE, Boston, Mass.

ST. BASIL'S HYMNAL. Rev. L. Brennan C. S. B., St. Michael's College, Toronto.

The Hymn Book which the Basilian Fathers of St. Michael's College, Toronto, published a few months ago has been received with so much favour that they have hastened to publish their Hymnal of which they have kindly sent us a copy. This is the finest work of the kind we have. The Hymn Book has been already noticed in these columns; all the canticles and vespers in it are found in the Hymnal set to music. There are moreover three Masses, one the *Missa de Angelis*, a figured Mass and the *Missa pro Defunctis*; morning and evening prayers, prayers for Mass, and for Confession and Communion and the little office of, the Immaculate Conception, forming a complete manual of devotion. The hymns to the Sacred Heart, the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin are of the choicest and are especially adapted to foster these fruitful devotions. The Hymnal should find its way, into all choirs for it aims at making the people more familiar with the offices and chants of the Church and is especially fitted to promote congregational singing which we hope to see everywhere revived in a very short while. We are not forced to offer God a hushed worship in caves and on the mountain sides, but we can offer him now the homage of our body and its powers as well as of our soul, and none is more acceptable than that of our voices singing loudly his praises.

ORDINATIONS.

On April 29, in the chapel of the Sacred Heart Convent, Rideau street, the Sacrament of Holy Orders was conferred by His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa on the following candidates: Mr. C. Deslauriers, of the Diocese of Ottawa, was raised to the priesthood; Mr. O. Boulet, of the same diocese, and H. Gervais, O. M. I., of the College, were ordained Deacons. Minor orders were conferred on J. H. Quinn, O.M.I., of the College, and W. Murphy, O.M.I., of the College, received Tonsure.