

that the student's aim should be to acquire first, a good store of knowledge—the fruits of all the ages and all the sages gathered from the various realms of human action and from the world in general; second, a trained and developed intellect; and, lastly, a nature and character generally educated (according to the classical sense)—not only the intellectual side but the æsthetic, moral and spiritual as well—and a broadened view of man and the world. To all this everyone yields a passive assent (tho' unhappily, it is well known the assent often means nothing). But it is necessary for the student (especially the less robust) to realize—and now in the early part of the year is the time to set about it—that it actually is wiser and better to leave some work undone which he feels he ought to do, or which he would even (*mirabile dictu*) find pleasure in doing, if he feels he is entering upon the ground of diminishing returns as peculiarly unprofitable and unsafe for the student. The need is often pressing and the temptation strong, but the evil results frequently following such a course are the more dangerous in their very gradation and subtlety. The danger is partially indicated by the one or two sad fatalities that usually mar the otherwise happy memories of each academic year in the history of the University. But this, tho' a more apparent evidence of the evil to be shunned, does not by any means comprise the whole evil, a great part of which may be done and have its effects almost as serious, tho' not so readily and generally seen, in the blight brought upon the physical and mental and thereby upon the moral and spiritual health of many a student who yields to the tendency to over-strenuous exertion. The examination may be safely passed, but the knowledge thus acquired soon slips away and the spirit and vitality may be permanently weakened.

These remarks should possibly not apply to all students—tho' if the principle referred to above does not apply as regards the work prescribed by the curriculum, it should apply as regards athletics, theatre, or whatever absorbs an unprofitably large portion of their time. Still, we think that no University possesses a larger percentage of industrious, earnest and able students than our own Varsity, and for that very reason a gentle note of warning may not be entirely uncalled for. [H.B.]

A RECEPTION IDYL.

Oh, this is the tale
Of a Freshman hale,
And it telleth the why and the wherefore
He lowered his sail
To a Freshette pale—
Think ye none the worse of him therefore.
Now this same youth,
To tell the truth,
If you were to ask of his knowledge,
Could speak forsooth,
Knew the warp and woof
Of tongues quite unknown in this college.
Yet it happened like this:
He met the young miss,
It is said, at the Freshman's reception;
Three minutes of bliss,
Vain desire to kiss,
And the Freshie went home in dejection.
So he sits with his book
In the library nook,
Just around the end of the bookshelves;
When he taketh a look,
The firmaments shook,
By Sophs. who have late been there themselves.
Doth this not appear,
Tremendously queer
In one of such deep erudition?
Yet there's reason to fear,
In fact it is clear,
There are more in the same sad condition.

SPORTS

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FOOTBALL AFTERMATH.

Now that the football season is over and all the championships settled, some of the papers are amusing themselves by drawing up representative all-Canadian teams. Of course they all have their own particular favorites, and they easily persuade themselves that these are worthy of places on the mythical team. The Ottawa Citizen started the ball rolling, and, as might be expected, chose most of the team from the capital city. The Toronto Globe then got busy, and, with the help of Manager Thompson of the Argonauts evolved the following fifteen as the best to be picked from the various Canadian teams:

Back, Laing (Varsity); halves, Hardisty (Argos.); Beatty (Varsity); E Gleeson (Ottawa College); quarter-back, Britton (Argos.); scrimmage, Kennedy (Ottawa City), Wright (Argos.), Boyd (Argos.); wings, Hal Walters (Ottawa City), Boucher (Ottawa City), Paterson (Varsity), Kent (Argos.), Wilson (Argos.), McGee (Ottawa City), Lafleur (Ottawa College).

There is a pretty good sprinkling of Argonauts here, and most Torontonians in consequence will vote it a great team. If, however, they stop to consider that Argos. haven't won a game this year, but have been beaten in each case by overwhelming scores; that Ottawa City, champions of Canada, have but four representatives, and McGill, Inter-collegiate champions, none at all, they will come to the conclusion that The Globe has another think coming. The most ridiculous feature of the thing is the placing of Britton at quarter-back. Both Percy Biggs and Hal Walters have him beaten a block in every department of the game.

If Britton ever played anything better than a second-rate game it was due to the fact that he worked behind an exceptionally strong scrimmage. THE VARSITY has also taken the trouble to pick out a representative team, and humbly submits the following line-up:

Back, Laing (Varsity); halves, Hardisty (Argos.), Beatty (Varsity), Callagan (Ottawa College); quarter, Percy Biggs (Varsity); scrimmage, Kennedy (Ottawa City), Wright (Argos.), Isbester (Ottawa City); wings, Hal Walters (Ottawa City), Boucher (Ottawa City), Paterson (Varsity), Waterous (McGill), Jermyn (Varsity), McGee (Ottawa City), Lafleur (Ottawa College).

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

GALT AGAIN ONTARIO CHAMPIONS.

The small crowd of shivering enthusiasts who gathered at the Athletic Field, Saturday afternoon, witnessed the most brilliant game of Association seen in Toronto for many moons, and got their full money's worth. The result was, of course, not just what most of the spectators wanted to see, but they couldn't help admiring the beautiful play of the western champions, and the visitors received quite as much applause as the collegians. The match was fast and intensely exciting from start to finish, and, though there was scarcely ever any doubt as to the ultimate winners, the School kept in the game all the time, giving the frozen bleacherites every chance to air their "Toikey-Oike."

The feature of the game was, undoubtedly, the phenomenal combination play of the Galt forwards. The veteran Hindmarsh was the chief offender, but he was ably assisted at outside right by little Taylor, who was a great favorite with the crowd. The