

Athletic Association, or that the Athletic Association should retain the fees until the debt is paid.

5 Estimates of expenditure to be submitted annually by Commencement as in other departments of the University. List of estimated expenditure appended for 1895-6

And we respectfully request owing to the utter inability of the Athletic Association to make any further payment to meet the balance of the instructor's salary, \$471, that the Council should assume the payment of this balance."

During the past summer, as the only officer of the directorate in the city, the writer spoke to President Loudon about securing the immediate control of the grounds for the students. He said that before the matter could be considered, the students must first possess some body of authority among themselves which would be responsible to the Council, and which would be the medium of communication on athletic matters between the students and the Council; and that if this body could not be found the Council would not think of surrendering their right of control.

I informed the President that there was only one body among the students which could undertake the matter successfully, and that was the Athletic Association. It possessed the necessary permanence and authority on account of its connection with the gymnasium and annual games, besides having the general interest of athletics at heart

The President agreed that no body could control the grounds as disinterestedly as the Association; but said that the consent of all the clubs recognizing the claims of the Association as controlling body was first necessary. I then sent letters to three officers in each club, fully explaining the case, and asking for any suggestions they might have to offer. All expressed their approval of the scheme, and their views on the subject. On the strength of these suggestions, and acting with the approval of the President of the Association, I drew up and sent the following circular to be signed by three representatives from each club:

(CIRCULAR.)

"We, the undersigned officers representing the University of Toronto..... Club, agree to recognize the University of Toronto Athletic Association as the supreme body of control in athletic matters among the students of the University, and the medium of communication on all athletic matters with the University Council, provided that we are guaranteed one representative (preferably the) on the Directorate of the Athletic Association.
(Signed)

Up to the present time the following clubs have signed the circular, and have been granted representation on the directorate: the Rugby, Association, Cricket, Tennis, Lacrosse, Hockey, and Baseball Clubs. The admission of these clubs necessitated a reduction in the directorate, and the following scheme of representation was drawn up and adopted, to take effect in 1896: 7 Arts, 7 Clubs, 4 Medicine, 3 S.P.S., 2 Victoria, 1 Faculty. This arrangement will have the effect of greatly extending the scope of the Association, besides uniting in one body the interests of all the athletic institutions in the University, and thus bringing the clubs more in contact with one another.

Outside of the deficit of \$471 on the instructor's salary, the returns for the year were very satisfactory. The receipts amounted to \$1,353.46, and the expenditure to \$1,351.17, leaving a balance on hand of \$2.29 with which to commence the present year.

As the report of this year will not be prepared until next fall, it will be impossible to give any accurate information of the transactions that have already taken place. In order, however, that a comparison may be made in regard to one item, and the present directorate receive the credit of its good work, I have obtained the returns for the Annual Games and Cross-Country Run for this year. The total

receipts amounted to \$312.50; the total expenses amounted to \$205.67, leaving a balance of \$106.83

The receipts from the Cross-Country Run amounted to \$4.50, and the expenses to \$41.00, leaving a deficit of \$36.50. Subtracting this amount from the Games surplus, we have a balance of \$70.33. This is the best showing ever made by a Games Committee at the University.

JAMES G. MERRICK.

Varsity Tennis Club.

There is probably no club about the University that has developed as rapidly as the Tennis Club. In the spring of 1894 the first meeting was held, and the following officers elected:—Hon. Pres., Prof. Alexander, Ph.D.; Pres., Ed. Gillies, B.A.; Sec.-Treas., B. A. C. Craig, B.A.; Counsellors, D. B. Macdonald, B.A., W. Scott and C. A. Campbell. During August and September of that year the Club won several matches and held a tournament, in which only men connected with the University took part. The competition in the different events—championship, handicap and consolation—was very keen, and, although the best players won, those who had seen no more tennis than the club itself, were inspired with hopes of prizes to be won the following year. L. R. Bain, '98, was the first champion, while S. S. Sharpe, '95, and C. A. Campbell, '97, respectively, won the other two events

The Club owes a great deal to the wise enthusiasm of Mr. Gillies and others on the first committee. The committee for the past year consisted of A. Carruthers, B.A., Hon.-Pres.; W. B. Hendry, B.A., Pres.; C. A. Campbell, Sec.-Treas.; H. G. R. Philp, L. R. Bain and F. A. Young. It is owing to the efforts of these gentlemen that we have the prospect of having a beautiful sodded lawn south-west of the gymnasium next spring, instead of a rough hay field. This will, no doubt, conduce to a closer connection between the Athletic Association and the Club.

This year the Varsity tournament was one of the largest in Ontario, if not in Canada, there being over seventy entries in all for the "University championship," "handicap," "doubles," and "all comers." These events were won in the order named by S. S. Sharpe, '95, W. A. Stratton, '99, Lazier and Bain, and H. E. Choppin, of Barrie. The last couple of rounds in the "championship" was a hot contest between Hobbs, Campbell, Lefroy and Sharpe. The play in the "all-comers" was as good as could be seen in Canada, and one of the closest matches was that of Hobbs, '96, vs. Choppin.

F. A. YOUNG.

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